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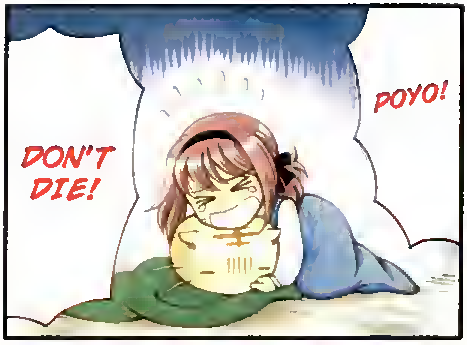

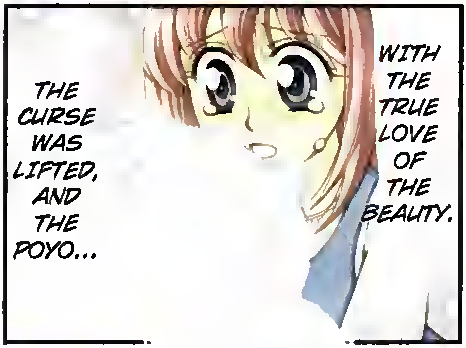

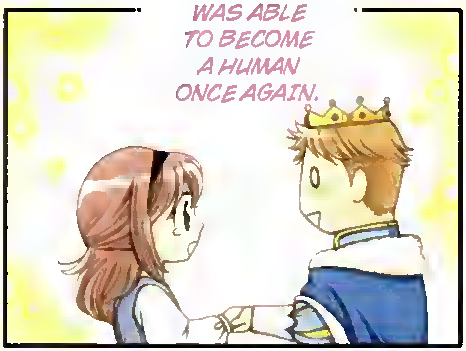

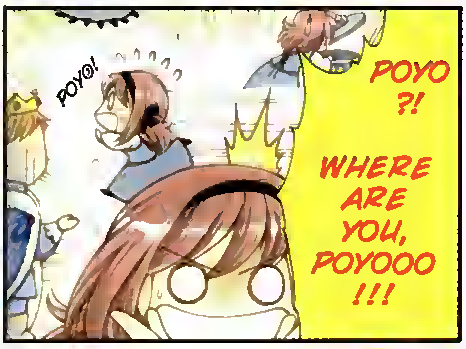

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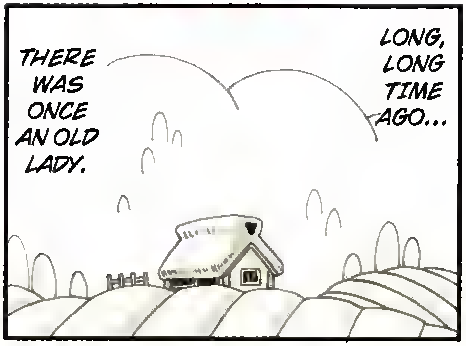
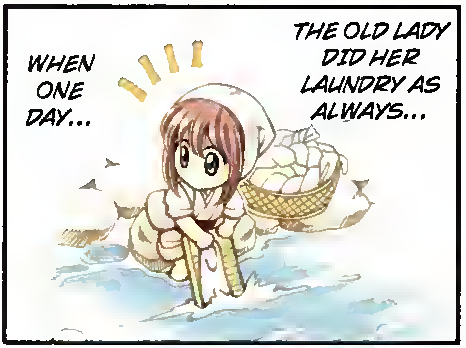
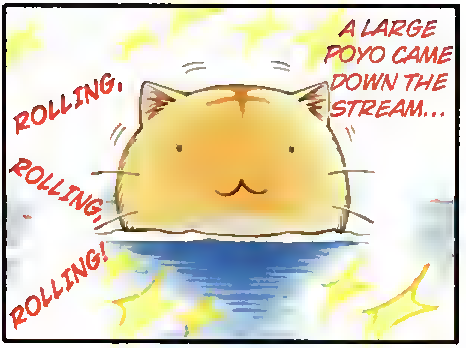
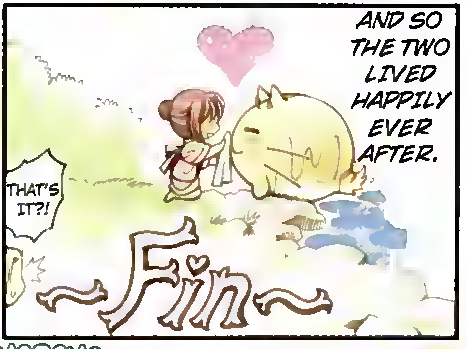
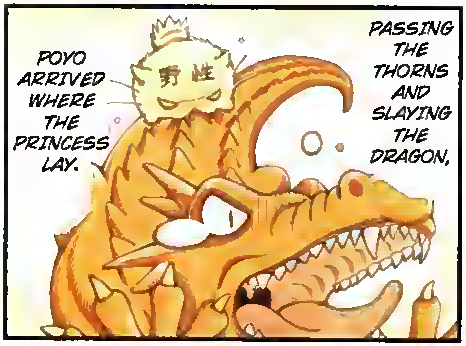


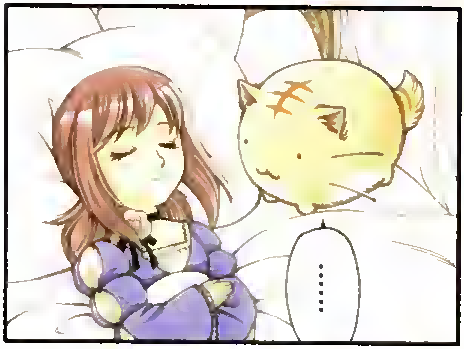


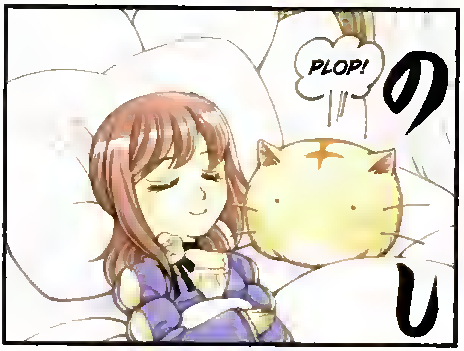




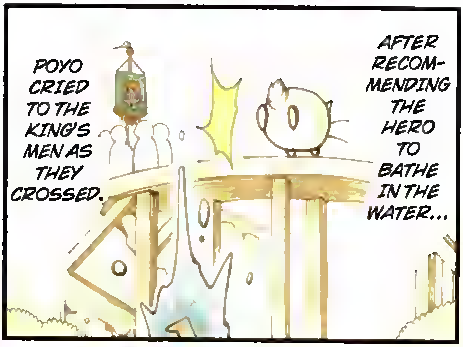
SLEEPING BEAUTY

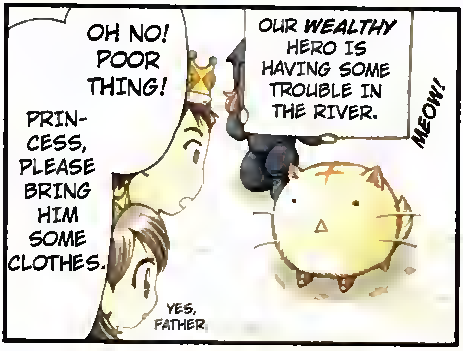


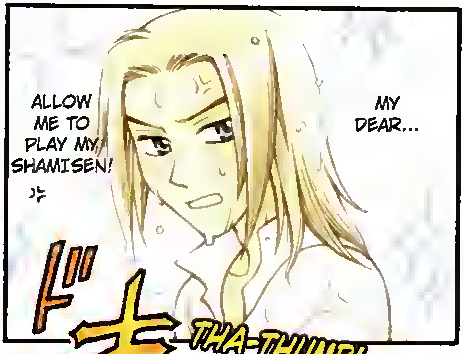


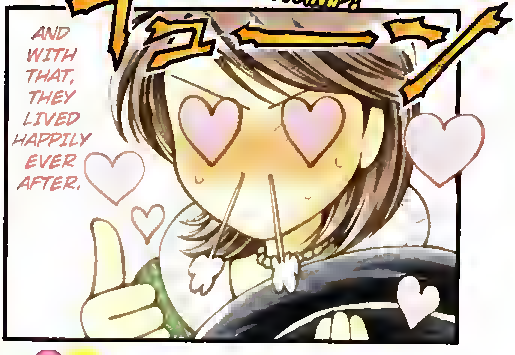


POYO-IN-BOOTS

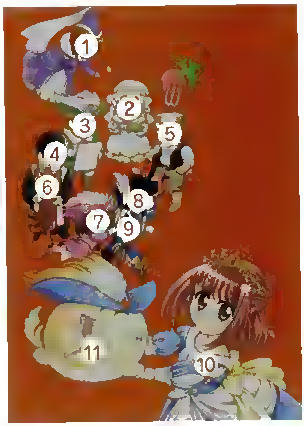



OH NO! POOR THING!
PRINCESS, PLEASE BRING HIM SOME CLOTHES.
YES, FATHER
OUR WEALTHY HERO IS HAVING SOME TROUBLE IN THE RIVER.
MEOW!

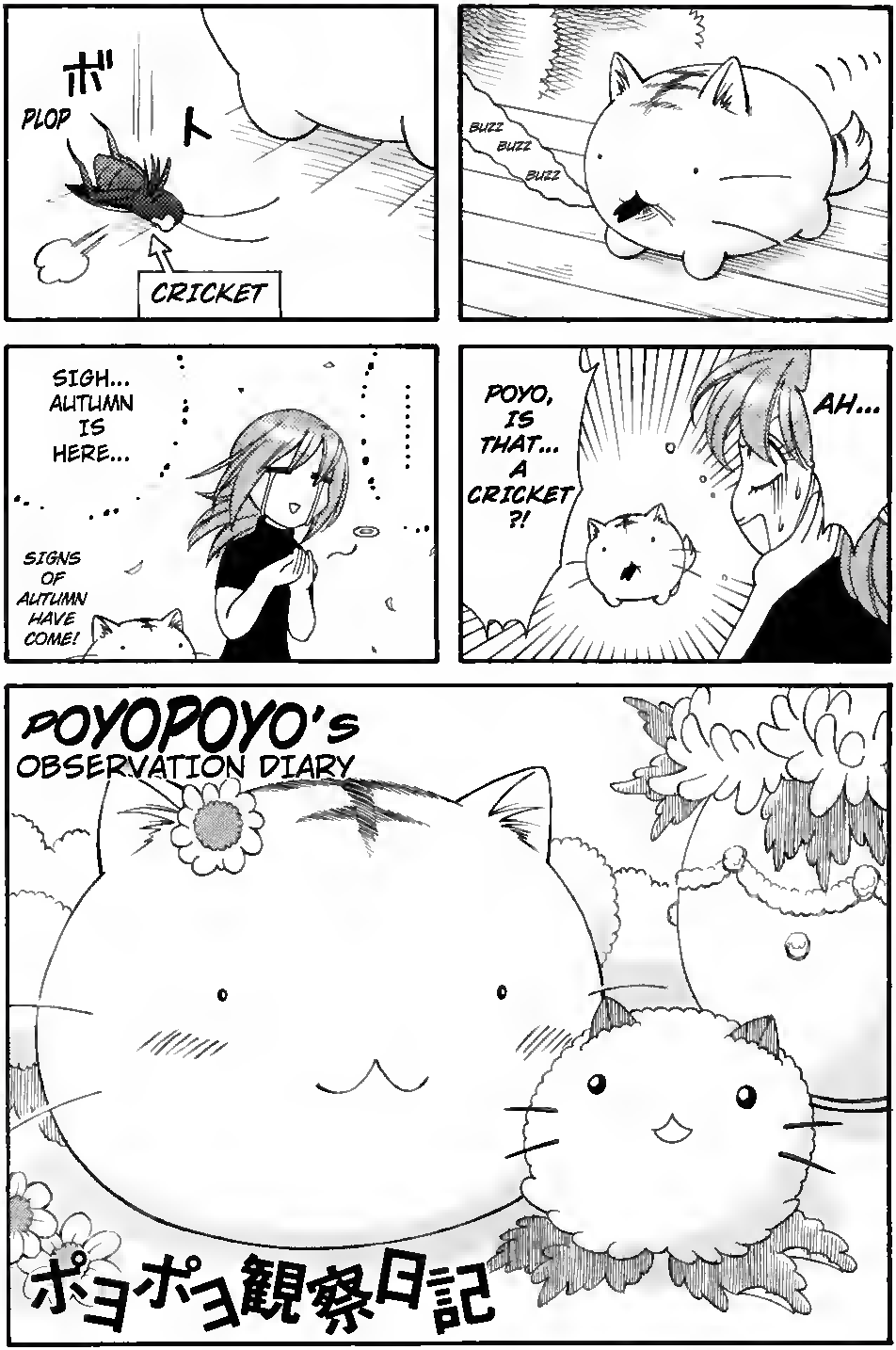




CHARACTERS



① THE HOUSEWIFE (BEHIND THE SATOS)
② THE NEXT DOOR GRANNY
③ SUZUKI & DAIFUKU
④ THE VET
⑤ PAPA SATO
⑥ TSUKUDANI
⑦ MAKI
⑧ KUROBEI
⑨ HIDE SATO
⑩ MOE SATO
⑪ POYO SATO


ボ
PLOP
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CRICKET
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
SIGH... AUTUMN IS HERE...
SIGNS OF AUTUMN HAVE COME!
POYO, IS THAT... A CRICKET ?!
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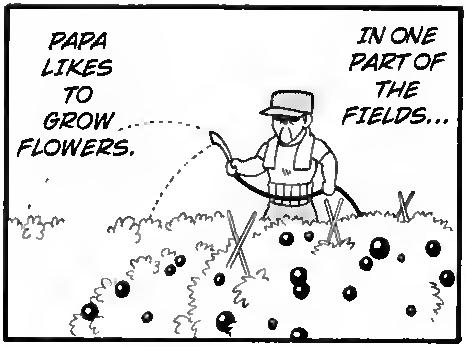
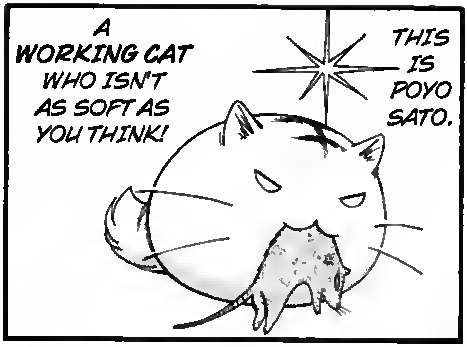
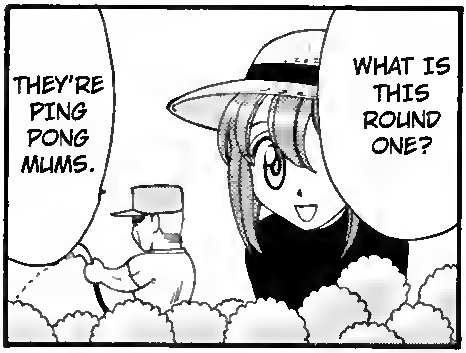
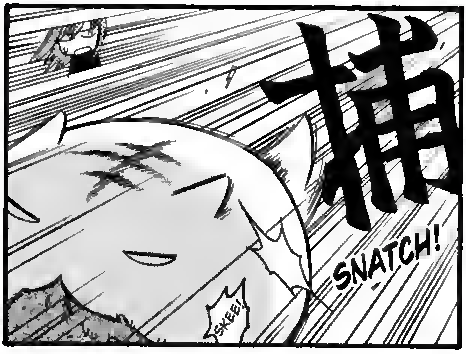

PAPA LIKES TO GROW FLOWERS.
IN ONE PART OF THE FIELDS...


A WORKING CAT WHO ISN'T AS SOFT AS YOU THINK!
THIS IS POYO SATO.


THEY'RE PING PONG MUMS.
WHAT IS THIS ROUND ONE?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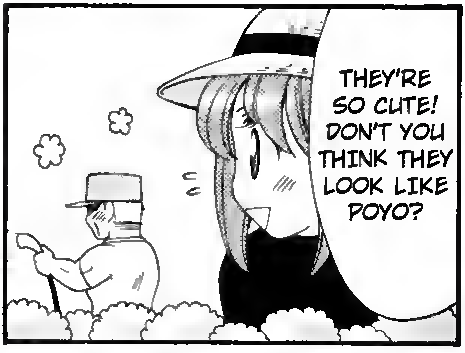
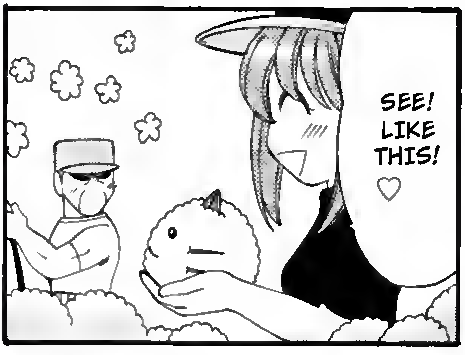
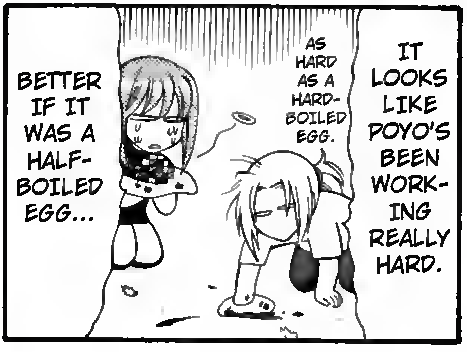
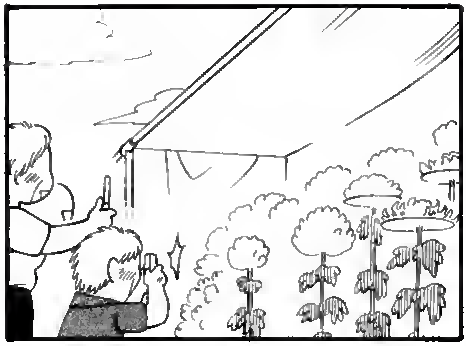
SNATCH!
SKEE!

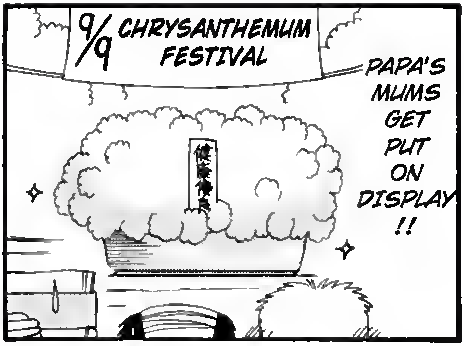

THEY'RE SO CUTE! DON'T YOU THINK THEY LOOK LIKE POYO?

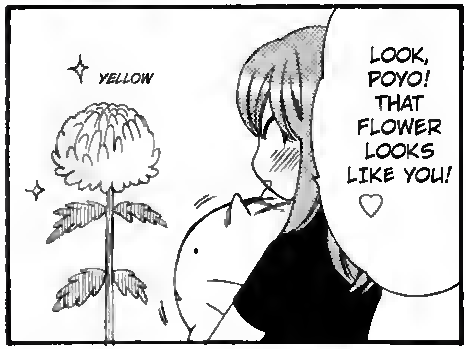
SNATCH!
捕
SKEE!

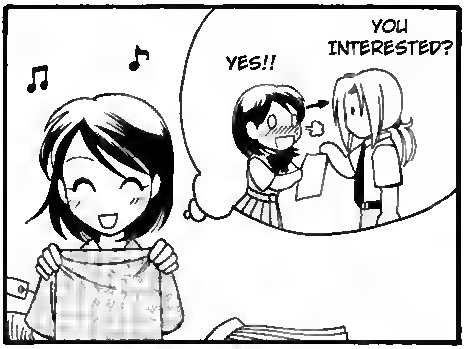

SEE! LIKE THIS! ♡

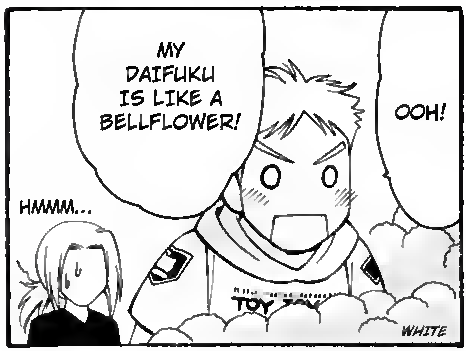

BETTER IF IT WAS A HALF-BOILED EGG...
AS HARD AS A HARD-BOILED EGG.
IT LOOKS LIKE POYO'S BEEN WORK-ING REALLY HARD.



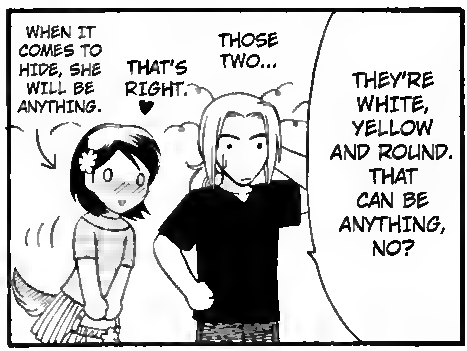

9/9 CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL
PAPA'S MUMS GET PUT ON DISPLAY!!


YELLOW
LOOK, POYO! THAT FLOWER LOOKS LIKE YOU!

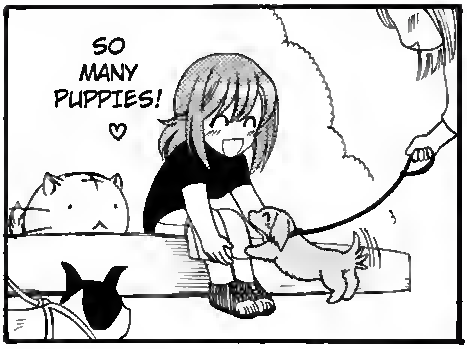

YES!!
YOU INTERESTED?

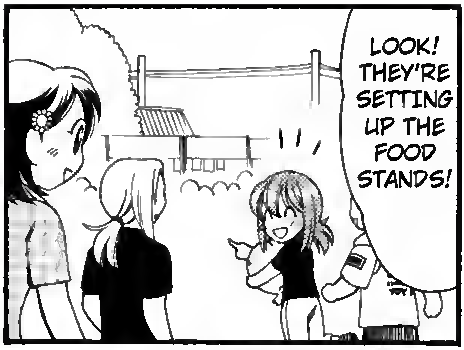

MY DAIFUKU IS LIKE A BELLFLOWER!
OOH!
HMMM...
TOY
WHITE

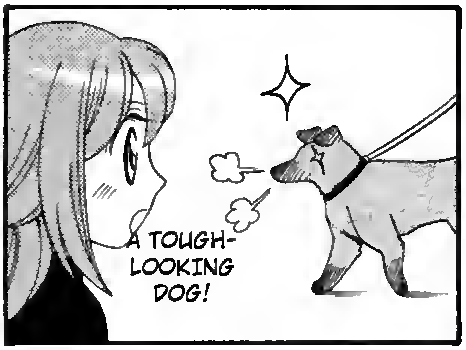
I SHOULD WEAR SOMETHING THAT LOOKS LIKE ONE AND MAKE PEOPLE THINK OF AUTUMN!
RIGHT! SINCE IT'S A CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL,

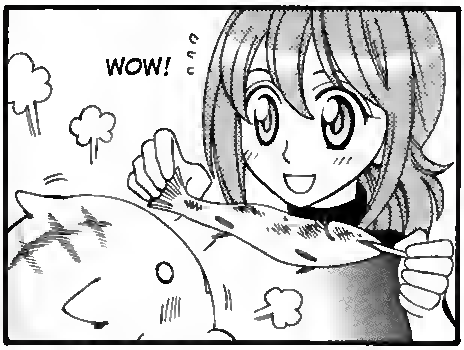

WHEN IT COMES TO HIDE, SHE WILL BE ANYTHING.
THAT'S RIGHT.
THOSE TWO...
THEY'RE WHITE, YELLOW AND ROUND. THAT CAN BE ANYTHING, NO?

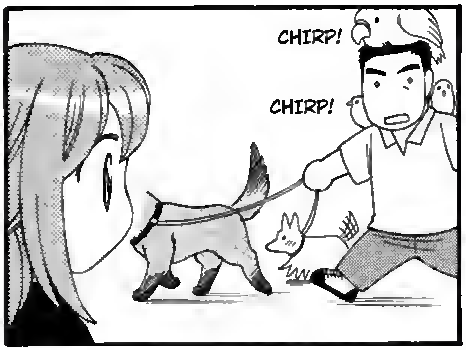
SO MUCH FOR AUTUMN...
I ONLY HAVE SUNFLOWERS...

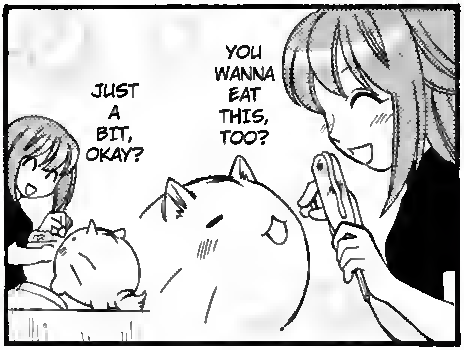

SO MANY PUPPIES! ♡

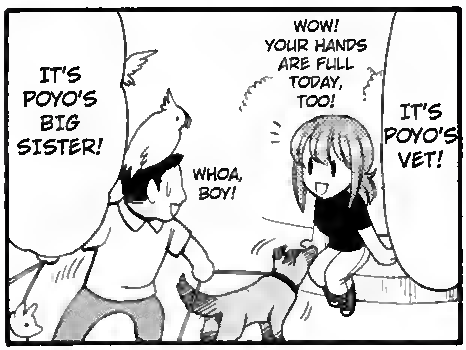

LOOK! THEY'RE SETTING UP THE FOOD STANDS!

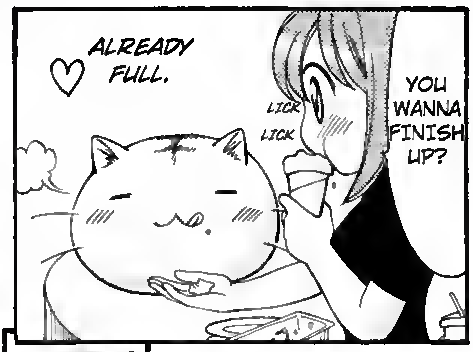

A TOUGH-LOOKING DOG!


WOW!

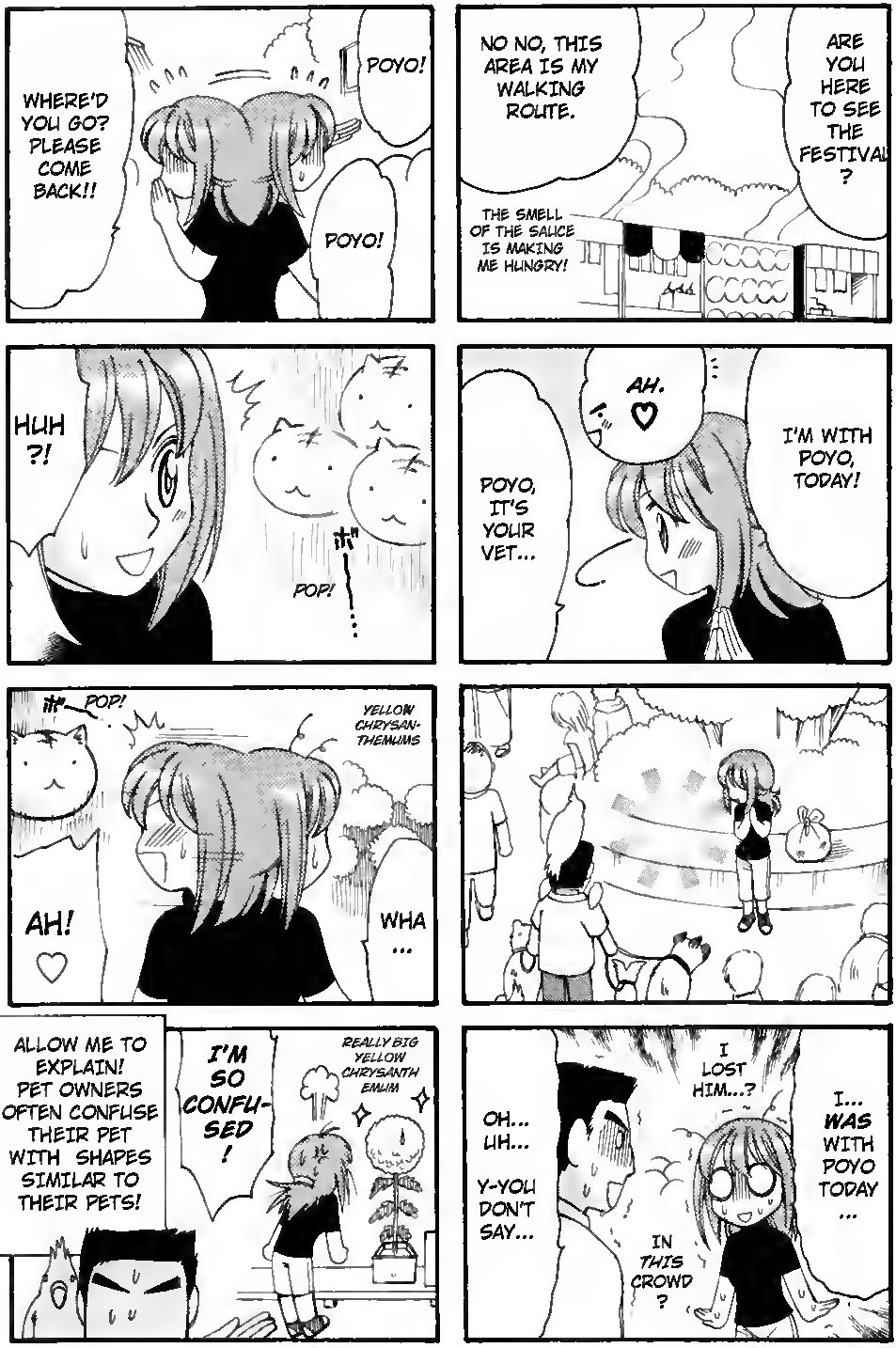

CHIRP!
CHIRP!

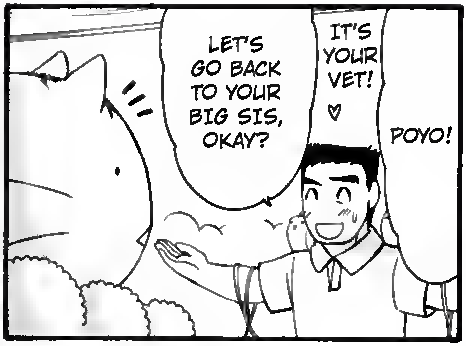

JUST A BIT, OKAY?
YOU WANNA EAT THIS, TOO?

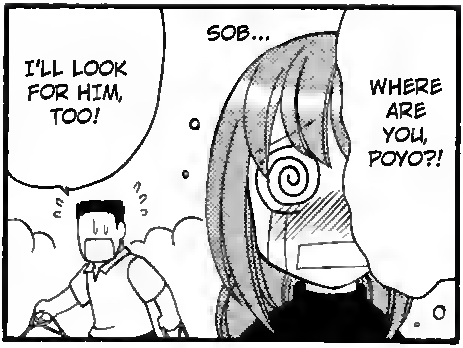

IT'S POYO'S BIG SISTER!
WHOA, BOY!
WOW! YOUR HANDS ARE FULL TODAY, TOO!
IT'S POYO'S VET!

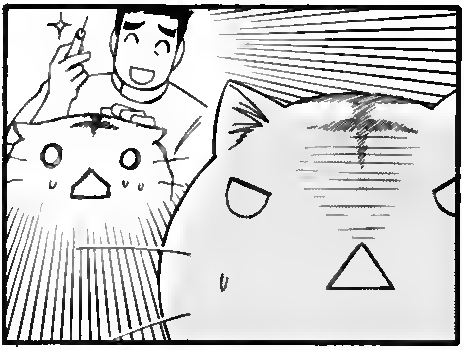

ALREADY FULL. ♡
LICK LICK
YOU WANNA FINISH UP?

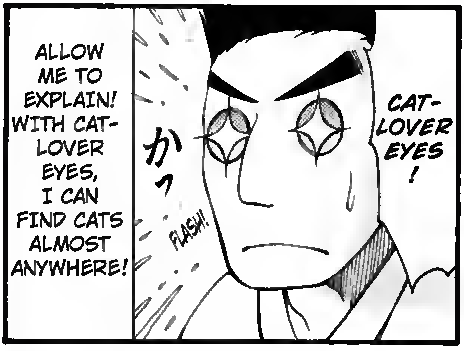
HE'S HAD ENOUGH

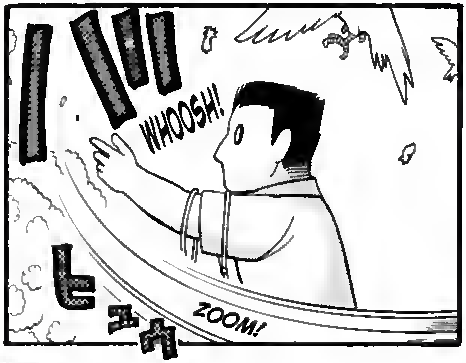

WHERE'D YOU GO? PLEASE COME BACK!!
POYO!
POYO!
NO NO, THIS AREA IS MY WALKING ROUTE.
THE SMELL OF THE SAUCE IS MAKING ME HUNGRY!
ARE YOU HERE TO SEE THE FESTIVAL?
HUH?!
POP!
POYO, IT'S YOUR VET...
AH.
I'M WITH POYO, TODAY!
POP!
YELLOW CHRYSANTHEMUMS
AH!
WHA...
ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN! PET OWNERS OFTEN CONFUSE THEIR PET WITH SHAPES SIMILAR TO THEIR PETS!
I'M SO CONFUSED!
REALLY BIG YELLOW CHRYSANTHEMUM
OH... UH... Y-YOU DON'T SAY...
I LOST HIM...? IN THIS CROWD?
I... WAS WITH POYO TODAY ...

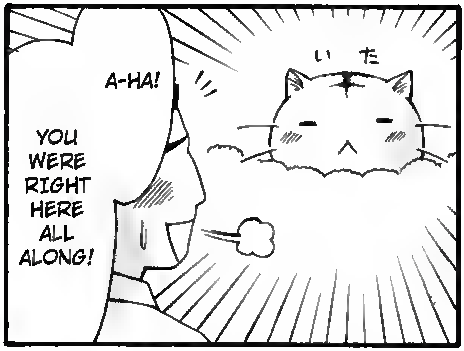

LET'S GO BACK TO YOUR BIG SIS, OKAY?
IT'S YOUR VET! ♡
POYO!


I'LL LOOK FOR HIM, TOO!
SOB...
WHERE ARE YOU, POYO?!




ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN! WITH CAT-LOVER EYES, I CAN FIND CATS ALMOST ANYWHERE!
カッ
FLASH!
CAT-LOVER EYES!


WHOOSH!
ZOOM!


A-HA!
YOU WERE RIGHT HERE ALL ALONG!
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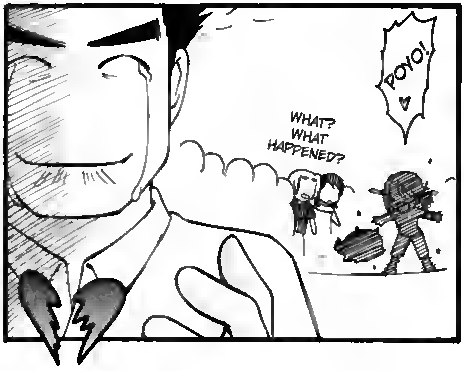
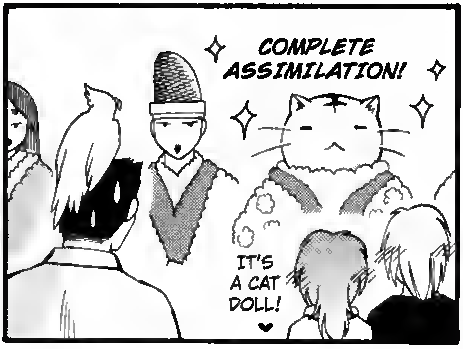
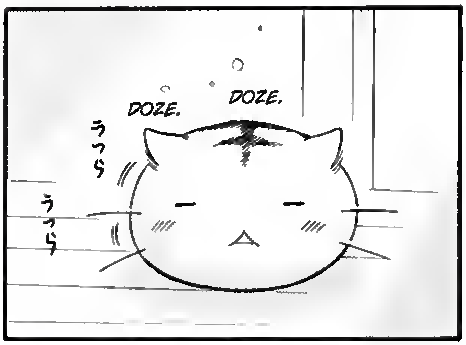

POYO! ♡
WHAT? WHAT HAPPENED?


COMPLETE ASSIMILATION!
IT'S A CAT DOLL! ♡

MEOW! ♥
NOT FOR YOU, KURO!
MEOW!
!!!
HEY! YOU'RE HOME, POYO! ♡
MEOW!
...BUT JUST BARELY!!
STANDING? POYO'S... STANDING ?!
SHAKE
SHAKE
SUPPORT PILLAR
SHAKE
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

POYO, WHO WAS FOUND BY MOE...
...IS, FOR THE MOST PART, WELL-BEHAVED.
A ROUND-SHAPED CAT WHO IS NOT SO FLEXIBLE.
AS FAR AS HE CAN GO...
THIS IS POYO SATO.
NOR DOES HE RIP THE PAPER DOORS.
HE DOES NOT SCRATCH THE FURNI-TURE...
IT'S NOT THAT HE'S NOT FLEXIBLE ...
I MEAN, LOOK AT HIM...
SO HE'S NOT THE MOST FLEXIBLE CAT!
HE STILL HAS HIS MOMENTS, Y'KNOW!
SCRATCH!
SCRATCH!
SCRATCH!
CAT FLAP
IT'S 'CAUSE YOU ARRANGED THEM SO NICELY...
THAT WAS MY FAVORITE ISSUE YOU RIPPED UP!
WHAT?! MY BOOKSHELF HAS AN EXEMPTION CLAUSE?!
SEE!
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE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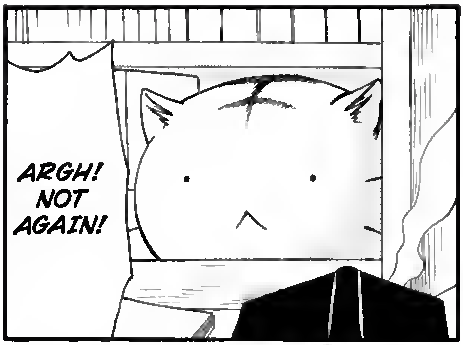
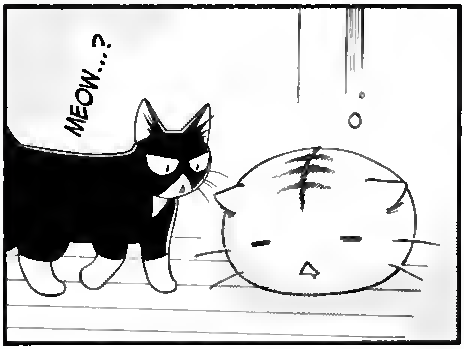

ARGH! NOT AGAIN!


MEOW...?

THE WAR FOR THE BOOK-SHELF BETWEEN POYO AND HIDE WENT ON FOR A LONG TIME, UNTIL...
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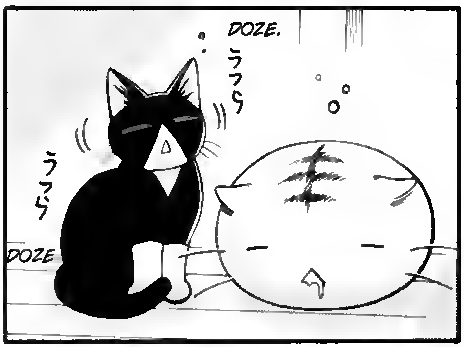
PULL
COME OUTTA THERE, YOU STUPID CAT!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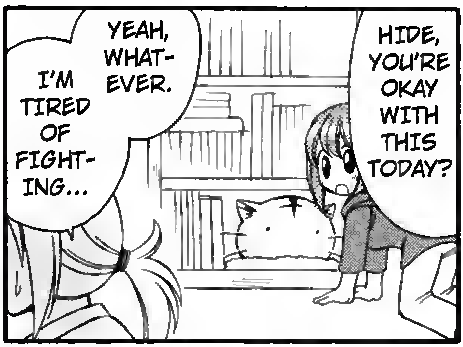
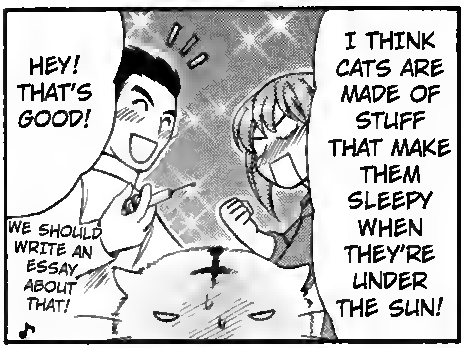

I'M TIRED OF FIGHT-ING...
YEAH, WHAT-EVER.
HIDE, YOU'RE OKAY WITH THIS TODAY?


HEY! THAT'S GOOD!
WE SHOULD WRITE AN ESSAY ABOUT THAT!
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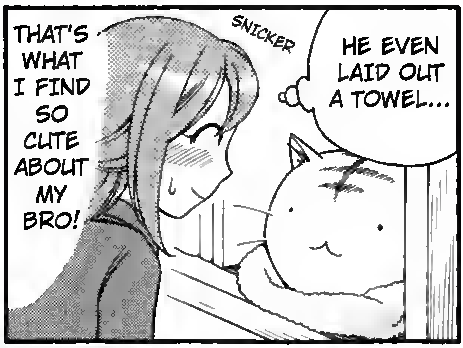
I THINK CATS ARE MADE OF STUFF THAT MAKE THEM SLEEPY WHEN THEY'RE UNDER THE SUN!


THAT'S WHAT I FIND SO CUTE ABOUT MY BRO!
SNICKER
HE EVEN LAID OUT A TOWEL...

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MUNCH
MOMMY DOESN'T WANT YOU TO CATCH THE PARVOVIRUS, SO THAT'S WHY I HAD YOU GET IT...
DON'T BE MAD, POYO.
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MUNCH
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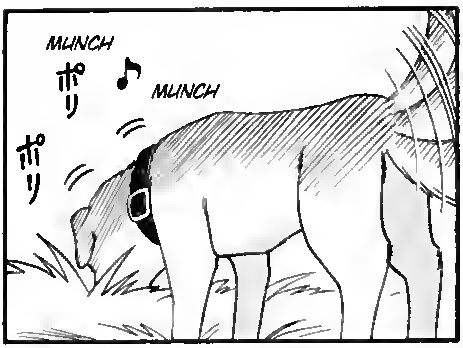
MUNCH
NO, NOT PARTICU-LARLY...
MOE, ARE YOU SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T OBJECT TO BEING CALLED A PET'S MOMMY?
POYO'S QUIETLY EATING SOME-THING.
A (LIVE) BIRD ?!
OR A (LIVE) MOUSE ?!
I THINK YOU'LL UNDER-STAND IN FIVE YEARS.
I MEAN, I'M STILL SEVENTEEN.
WELL, I KINDA HATE IT...
?
IT REALLY ISN'T SO "GREAT", Y'KNOW ...
NO.
PHEW! THAT'S JUST GREAT!
ANS.
FISH BONES TAKEN FROM THE SINK STRAINER.
HOW REALIST OF YOU!
BESIDES, HUMANS ARE LIKE APES, SO...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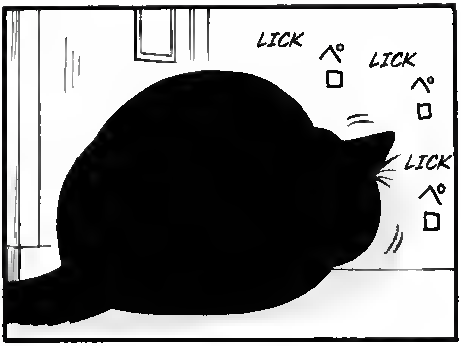
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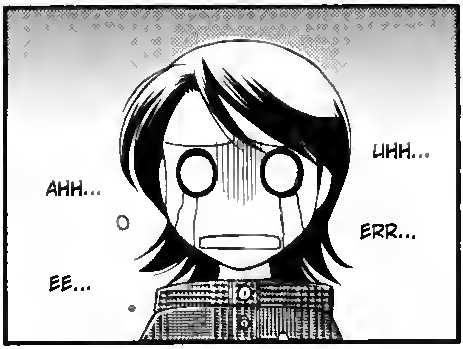
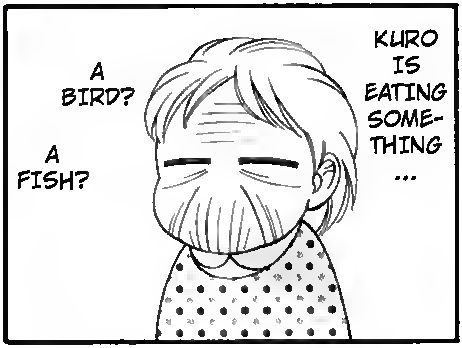
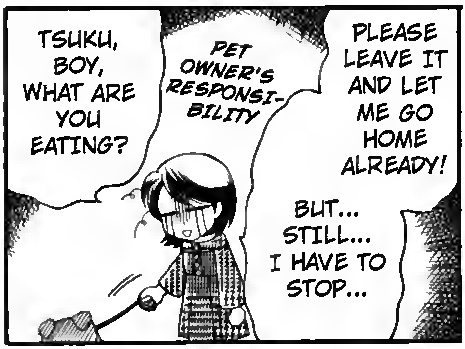
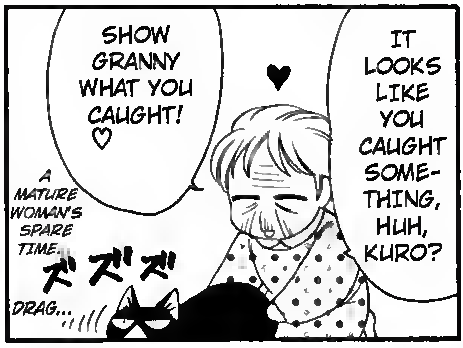

AHH...
UHH...
ERR...
EE...


A BIRD?
A FISH?
KURO IS EATING SOME-THING ...


TSUKU, BOY, WHAT ARE YOU EATING?
PET OWNER'S RESPONSI-BILITY
PLEASE LEAVE IT AND LET ME GO HOME ALREADY!
BUT... STILL... I HAVE TO STOP...


SHOW GRANNY WHAT YOU CAUGHT! ♡
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU CAUGHT SOME-THING, HUH, KURO?
A MATURE WOMAN'S SPARE TIME.
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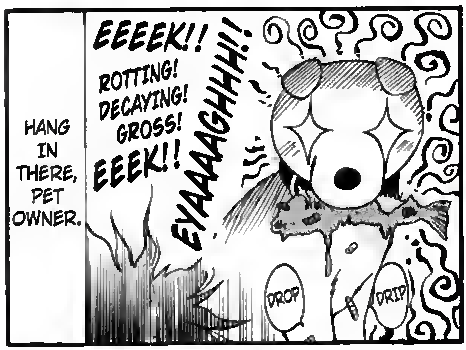
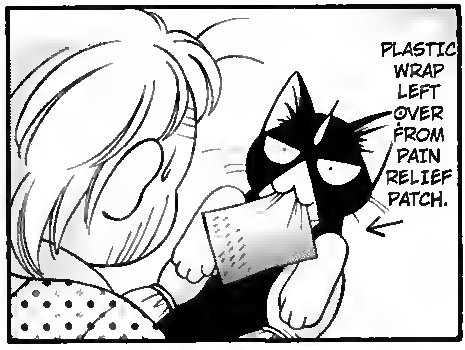
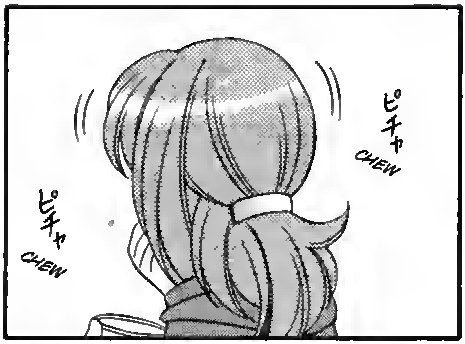
DRAG...


HANG IN THERE, PET OWNER.
EEEEK!!
ROTTING! DECAYING! GROSS!
EEEK!!
EYAAAAGHHH!!
DROP
DRIP


PLASTIC WRAP LEFT OVER FROM PAIN RELIEF PATCH.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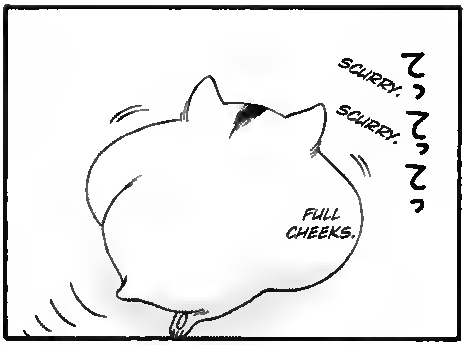
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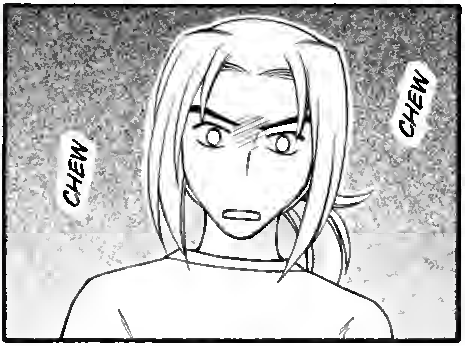
SCURRY.
SCURRY.
FULL CHEEKS.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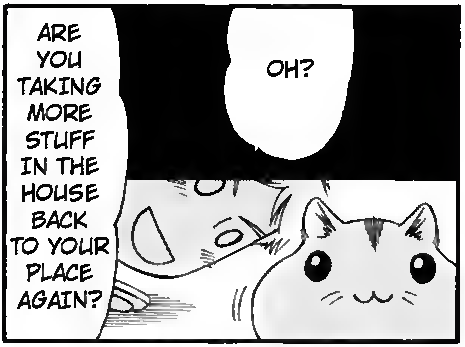
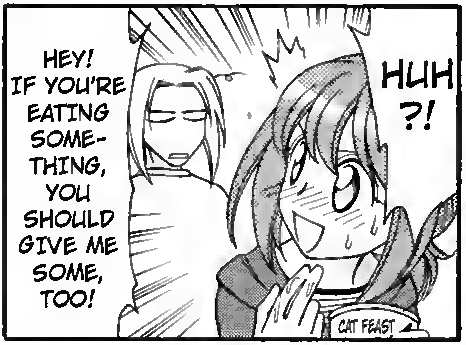
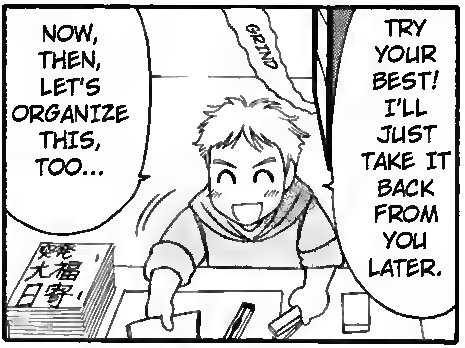
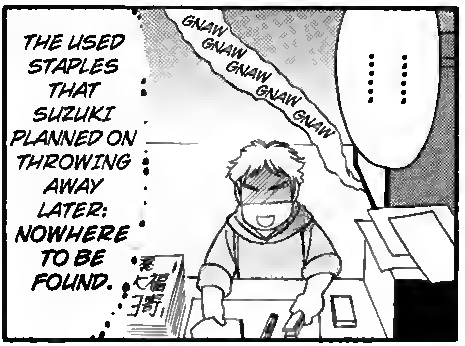

ARE YOU TAKING MORE STUFF IN THE HOUSE BACK TO YOUR PLACE AGAIN?
OH?


HEY! IF YOU'RE EATING SOME-THING, YOU SHOULD GIVE ME SOME, TOO!
HUH?!
CAT FEAST

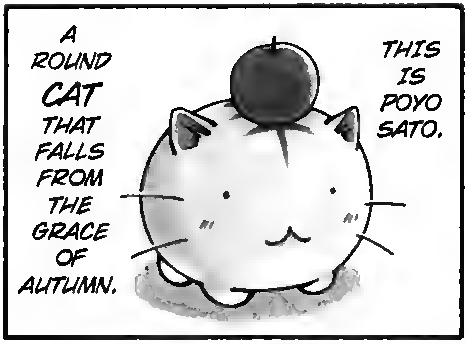

NOW, THEN, LET'S ORGANIZE THIS, TOO...
GRIND
TRY YOUR BEST! I'LL JUST TAKE IT BACK FROM YOU LATER.

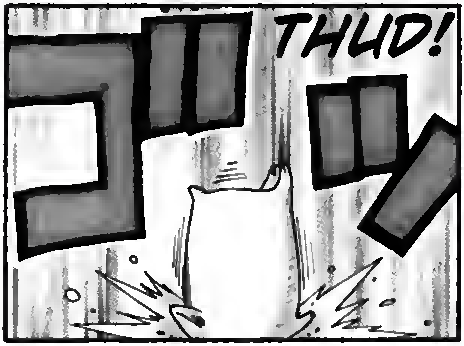
WAAAIT!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, HIDE?!
TURNS OUT IT ACTUALLY TASTES PRETTY GOOD!
I... I WAS JUST CURI-OUS, THAT'S ALL!


THE USED STAPLES THAT SUZUKI PLANNED ON THROWING AWAY LATER: NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.
GNAW GNAW GNAW GNAW GNAW
.....

I CAN'T SELL THE ONES THAT DROP.
HIDE, YOU CAN TAKE THEM, DEAR!
PLOP
PLOP
POYOPOYO'S
OBSERVATION DIARY

MY HAMSTER CAN'T DO THAT!
IT'S REALLY NOT SOMETHING THAT CATS DO...
REALLY ?! WOW! CATS CAN BE SO COOL!


A ROUND CAT THAT FALLS FROM THE GRACE OF AUTUMN.
THIS IS POYO SATO.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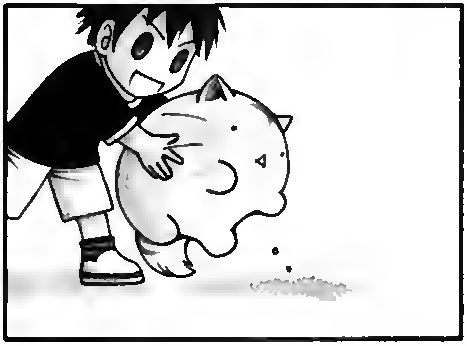

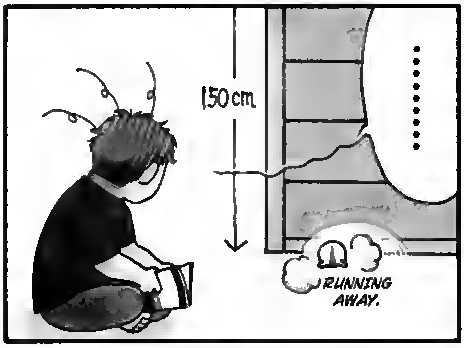
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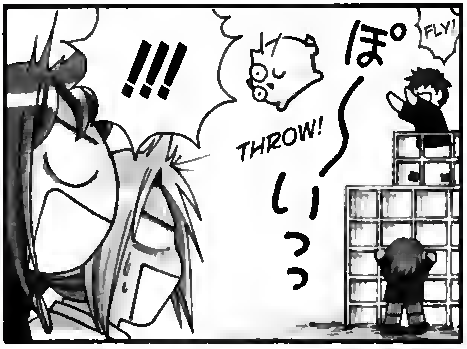
RUNNING AWAY.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THROW!
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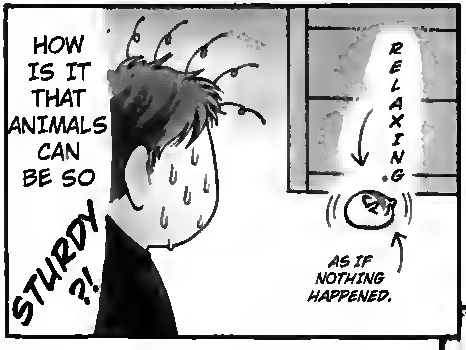
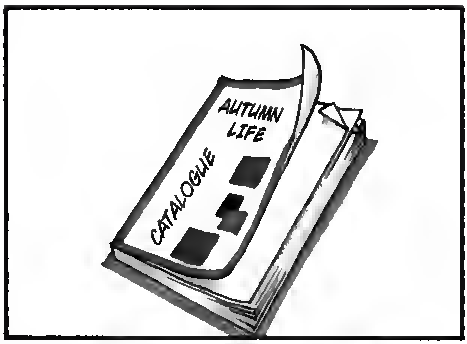
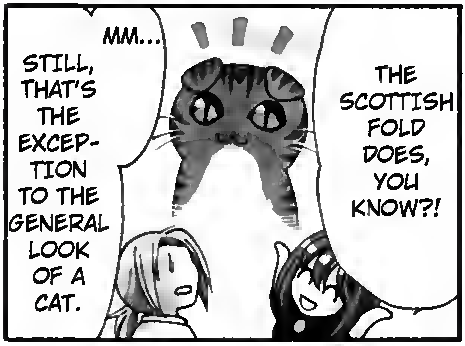
FLY!

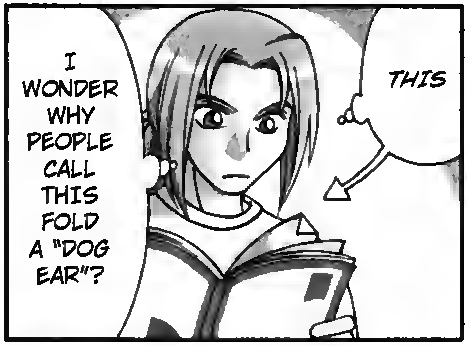

HOW IS IT THAT ANIMALS CAN BE SO STURDY ?!
RELAXING
AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED.

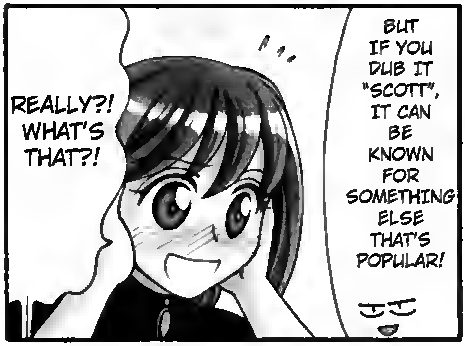
FWUSH!!
FLUTTER!
DOWN?!
HE FLOATS

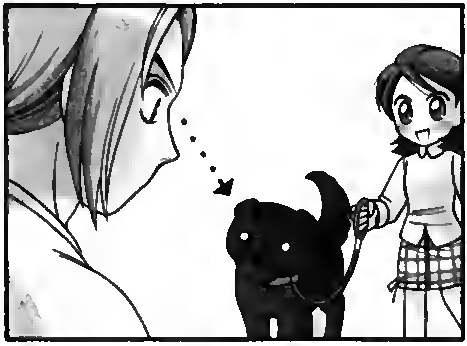
CAT EARS DON'T FLOP DOWN LIKE THAT.
WHY CAN'T THIS BE CALLED A "CAT EAR"?

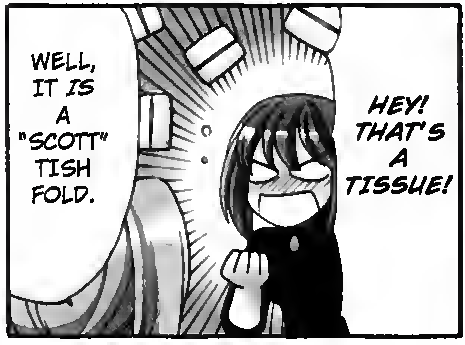

AUTUMN LIFE
CATALOGUE

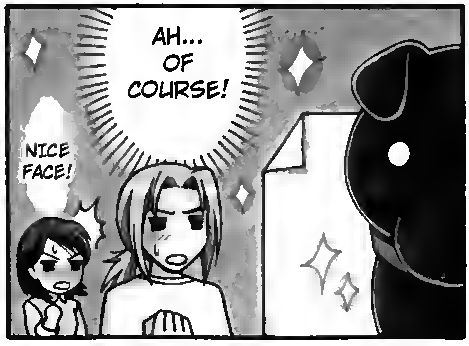

MM...
STILL, THAT'S THE EXCEP-TION TO THE GENERAL LOOK OF A CAT.
THE SCOTTISH FOLD DOES, YOU KNOW?!


I WONDER WHY PEOPLE CALL THIS FOLD A "DOG EAR"?
THIS


REALLY?! WHAT'S THAT?!
BUT IF YOU DUB IT "SCOTT", IT CAN BE KNOWN FOR SOMETHING ELSE THAT'S POPULAR!



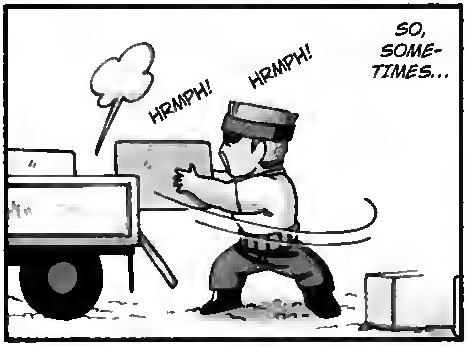

WELL, IT IS A "SCOTT" TISH FOLD.
HEY! THAT'S A TISSUE!

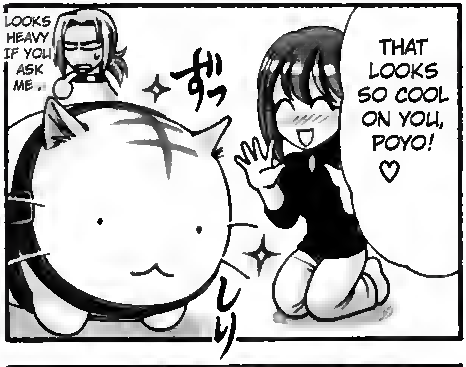

AH... OF COURSE!
NICE FACE!

THIS IS THE SATO FAMILY'S OLDEST CHILD.
NAME: MOE
SHE, TOO, IS REALLY STRONG.

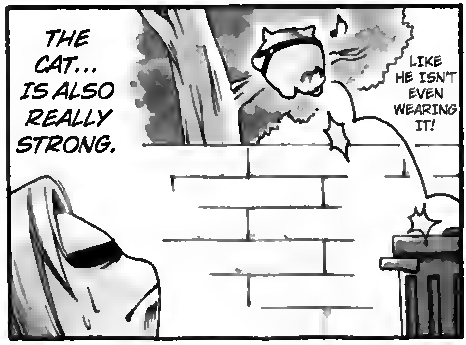
THIS IS PAPA SATO.
NAME: SHIGERU
HE IS REALLY A STRONG MAN.

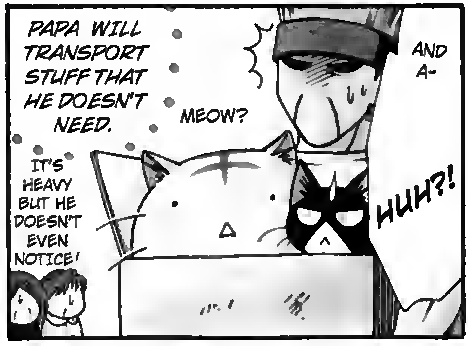
SNIP!
ジョキリ
LEATHER
SNIP!

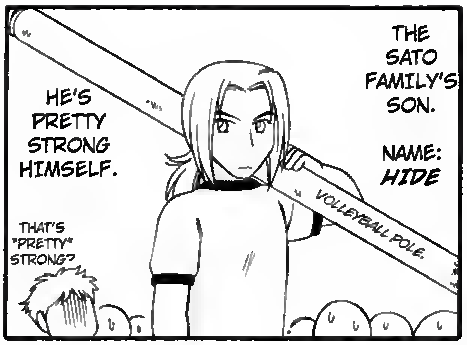

SO, SOME-TIMES...
HRMPH!
HRMPH!


LOOKS HEAVY IF YOU ASK ME.
THAT LOOKS SO COOL ON YOU, POYO! ♡

AND A-ONE!
AND A-TWO!


THE CAT... IS ALSO REALLY STRONG.
LIKE HE ISN'T EVEN WEARING IT!


PAPA WILL TRANSPORT STUFF THAT HE DOESN'T NEED.
MEOW?
AND A-
IT'S HEAVY BUT HE DOESN'T EVEN NOTICE!
HUH?!


HE'S PRETTY STRONG HIMSELF.
THAT'S "PRETTY" STRONG?
VOLLEYBALL POLE.
THE SATO FAMILY'S SON.
NAME: HIDE

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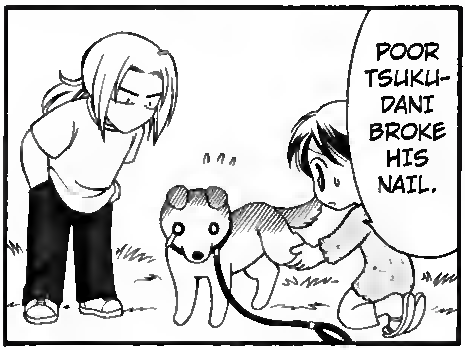
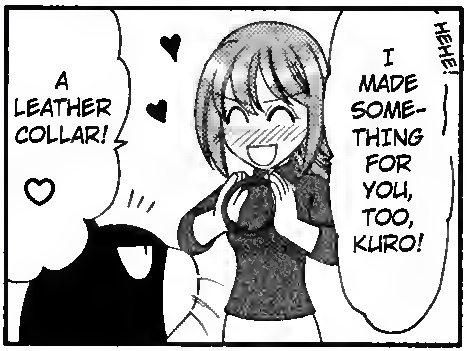
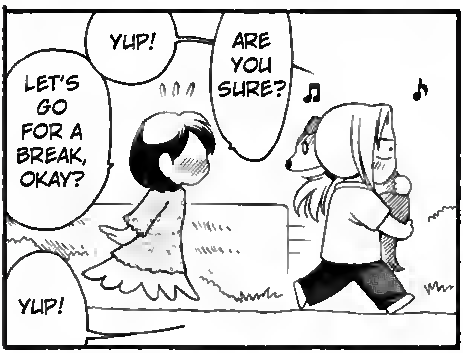
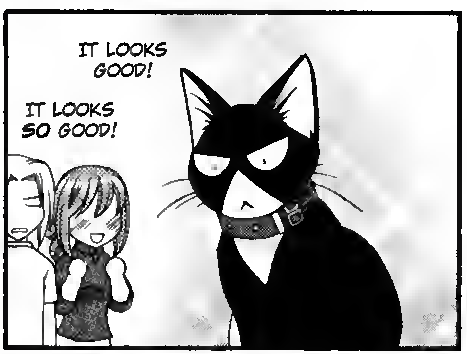
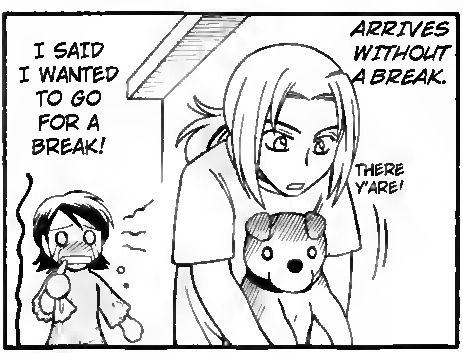
MOUNT
MOUNT

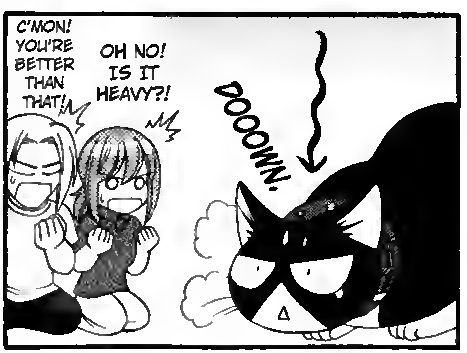

POOR TSUKUDANI BROKE HIS NAIL.

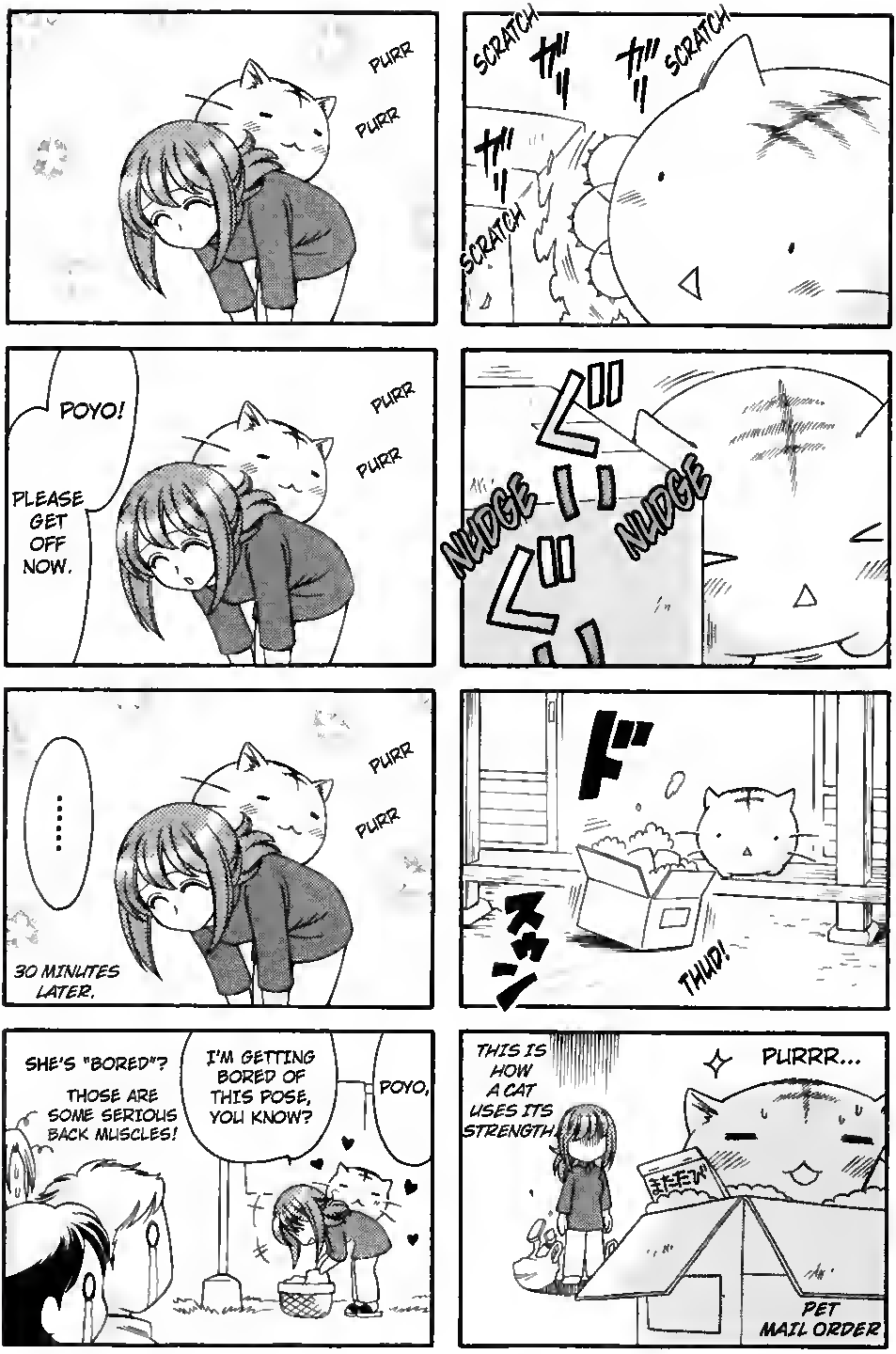

A LEATHER COLLAR!
I MADE SOMETHING FOR YOU, TOO, KURO!
HEHE!


LET'S GO FOR A BREAK, OKAY?
YUP!
ARE YOU SURE?
YUP!


IT LOOKS GOOD!
IT LOOKS SO GOOD!


I SAID I WANTED TO GO FOR A BREAK!
ARRIVES WITHOUT A BREAK.
THERE Y'ARE!


C'MON! YOU'RE BETTER THAN THAT!
OH NO! IS IT HEAVY?!
DOOOWN.


PURR
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SCRATCH
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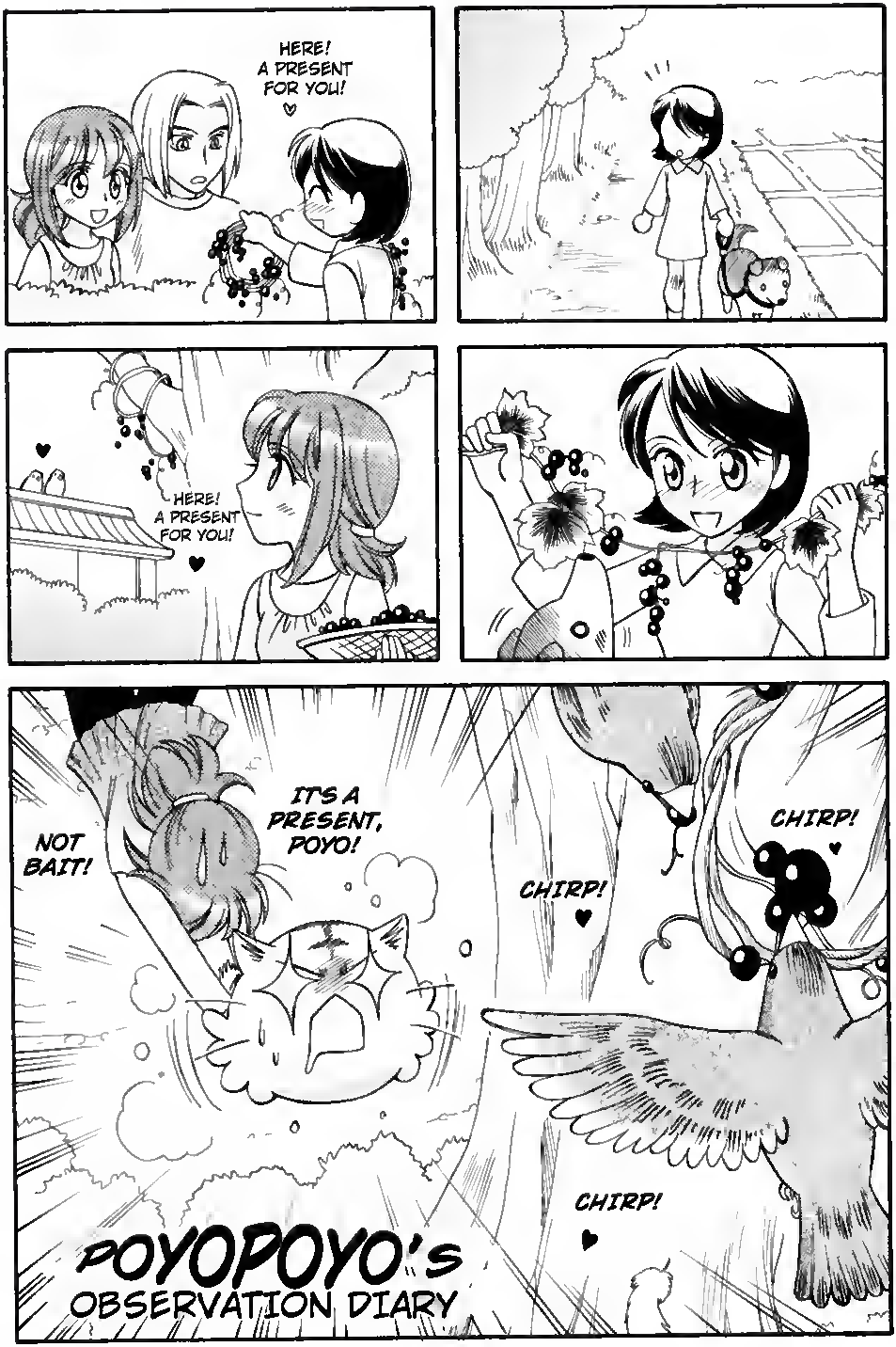
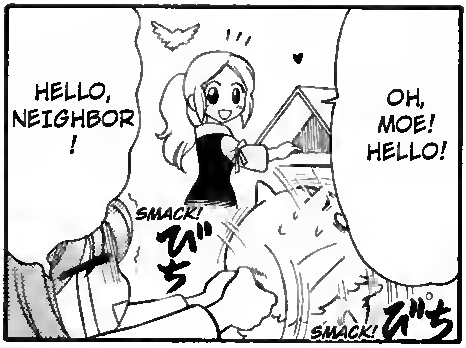
POYO!
PLEASE GET OFF NOW.
PURR
PURR
NUDGE
NUDGE
NUDGE
PURR
PURR
.....
30 MINUTES LATER.
THUD!
SHE'S "BORED"?
THOSE ARE SOME SERIOUS BACK MUSCLES!
I'M GETTING BORED OF THIS POSE, YOU KNOW?
POYO.
THIS IS HOW A CAT USES ITS STRENGTH.
PURRR...
PET MAIL ORDER


HERE! A PRESENT FOR YOU!
HERE! A PRESENT FOR YOU!
NOT BAIT!
IT'S A PRESENT, POYO!
CHIRP!
CHIRP!
CHIRP!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY


HELLO, NEIGHBOR!
OH, MOE! HELLO!
SMACK!
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SMACK!
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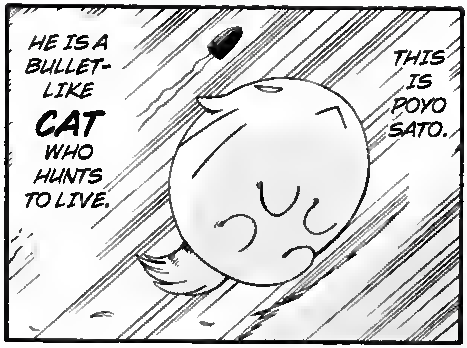
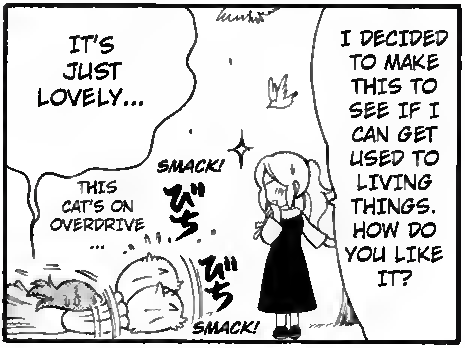

HE IS A BULLET-LIKE CAT WHO HUNTS TO LIVE.
THIS IS POYO SATO.


IT'S JUST LOVELY...
I DECIDED TO MAKE THIS TO SEE IF I CAN GET USED TO LIVING THINGS. HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?
THIS CAT'S ON OVERDRIVE ...
SMACK!
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SMACK!
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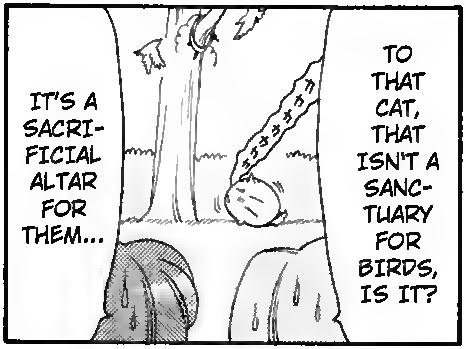
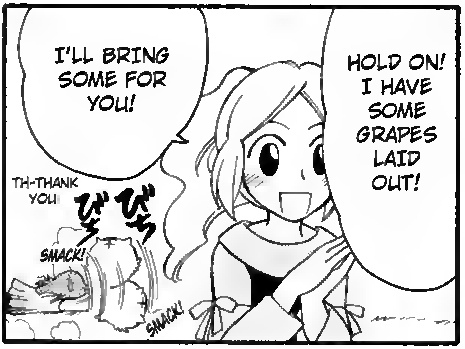

IT'S A SACRI-FICIAL ALTAR FOR THEM...
TO THAT CAT, THAT ISN'T A SANC-TUARY FOR BIRDS, IS IT?


I'LL BRING SOME FOR YOU!
HOLD ON! I HAVE SOME GRAPES LAID OUT!
TH-THANK YOU!
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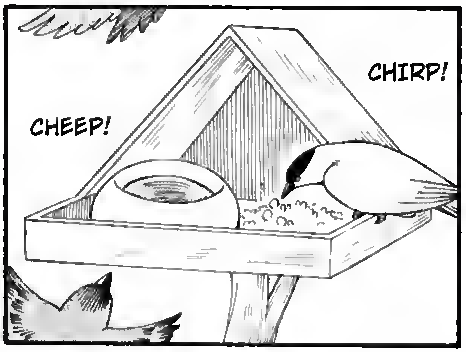
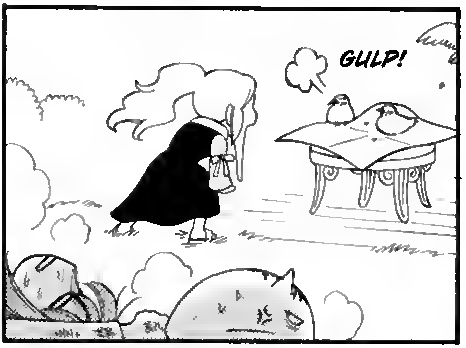
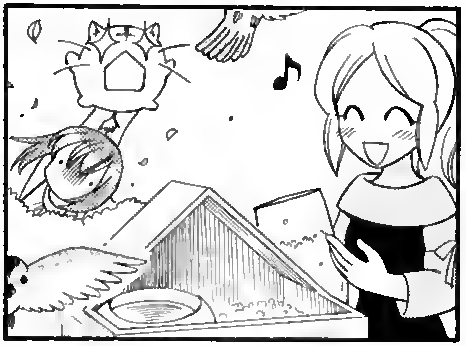
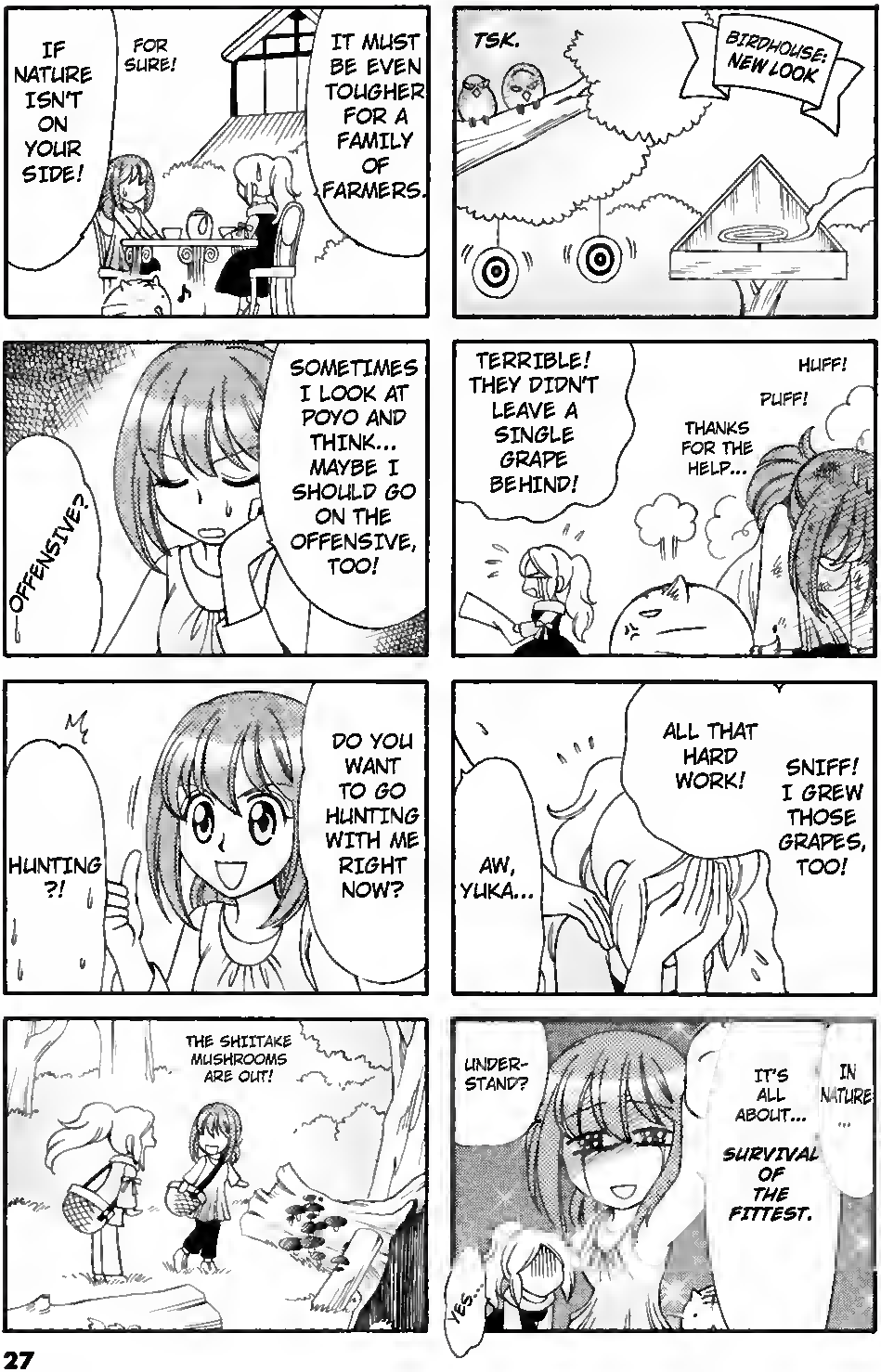
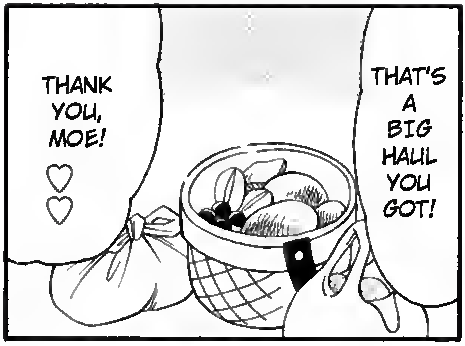
SMACK!
SMACK!

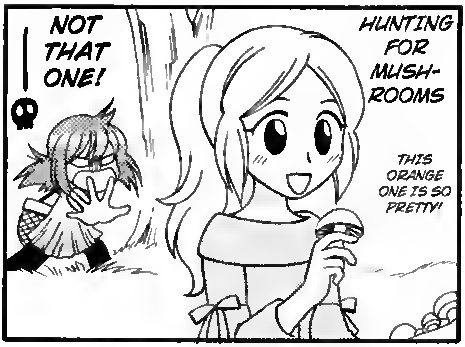

CHIRP!
CHEEP!

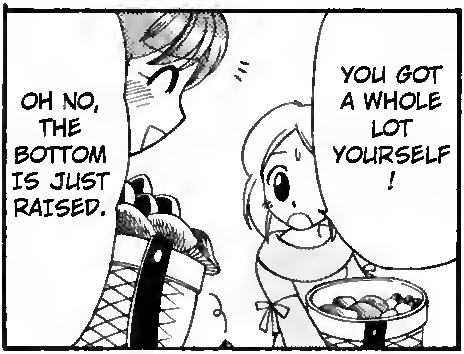

GULP!

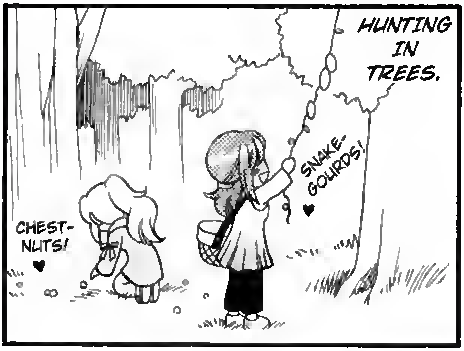


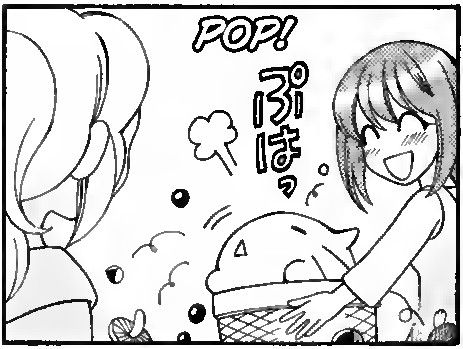

IF NATURE ISN'T ON YOUR SIDE!
FOR SURE!
IT MUST BE EVEN TOUGHER FOR A FAMILY OF FARMERS.
TSK.
BIRDHOUSE: NEW LOOK
SOMETIMES I LOOK AT POYO AND THINK... MAYBE I SHOULD GO ON THE OFFENSIVE, TOO!
—OFFENSIVE?
TERRIBLE! THEY DIDN'T LEAVE A SINGLE GRAPE BEHIND!
HUFF!
PUFF!
THANKS FOR THE HELP...
DO YOU WANT TO GO HUNTING WITH ME RIGHT NOW?
HUNTING?!
ALL THAT HARD WORK!
SNIFF! I GREW THOSE GRAPES, TOO!
AW, YUKA...
THE SHIITAKE MUSHROOMS ARE OUT!
UNDER-STAND?
IT'S ALL ABOUT...
SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST.
IN NATURE...
YES...


THANK YOU, MOE!
THAT'S A BIG HAUL YOU GOT!


NOT THAT ONE!
HUNTING FOR MUSH-ROOMS
THIS ORANGE ONE IS SO PRETTY!


OH NO, THE BOTTOM IS JUST RAISED.
YOU GOT A WHOLE LOT YOURSELF!


HUNTING IN TREES.
SNAKE-GOURDS!
CHEST-NUTS!


POP!
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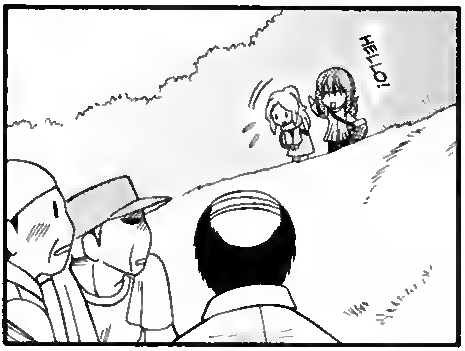
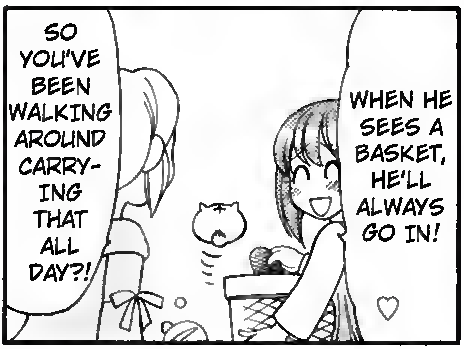
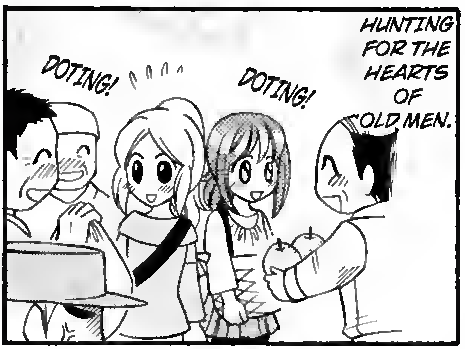
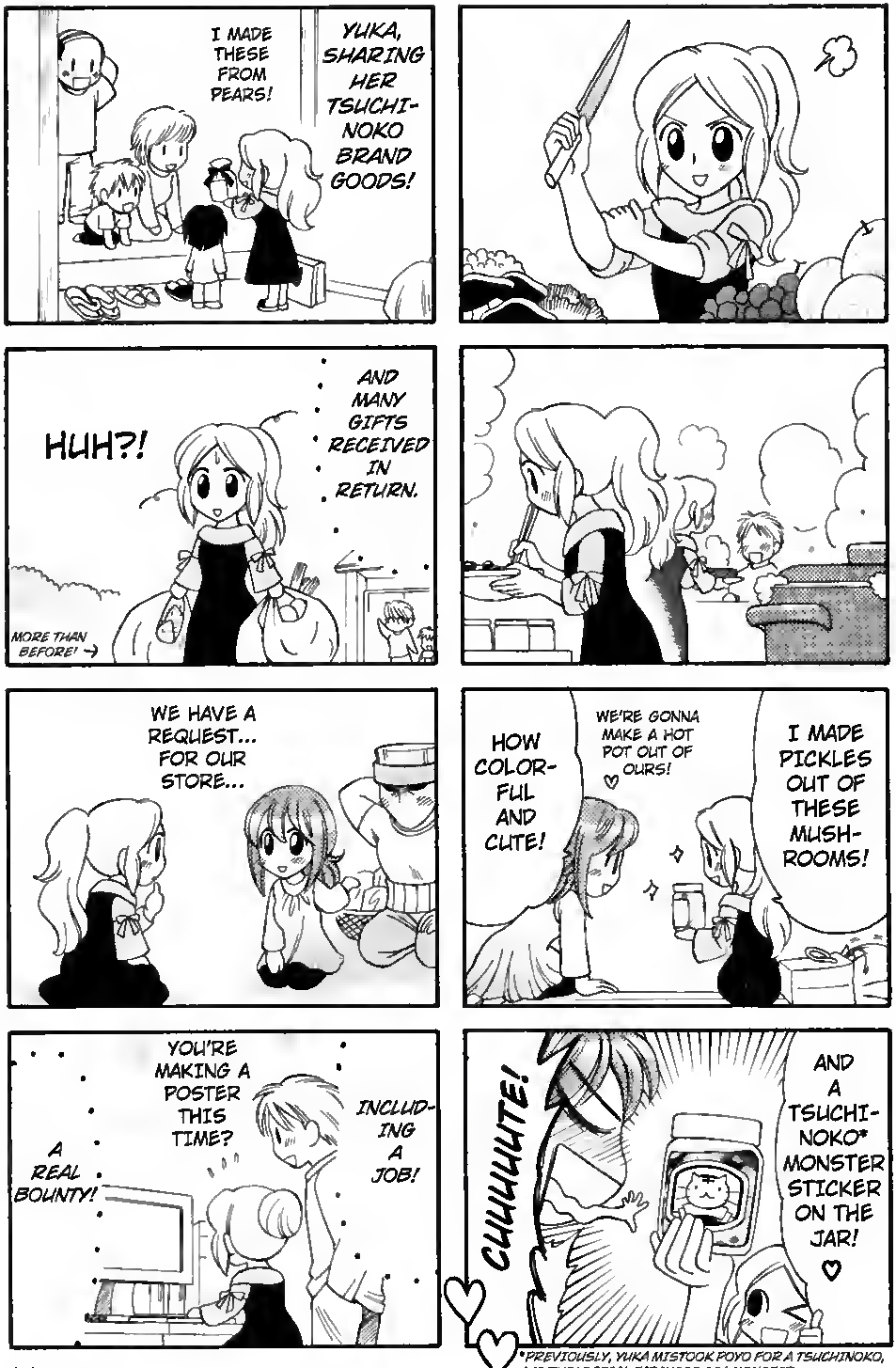
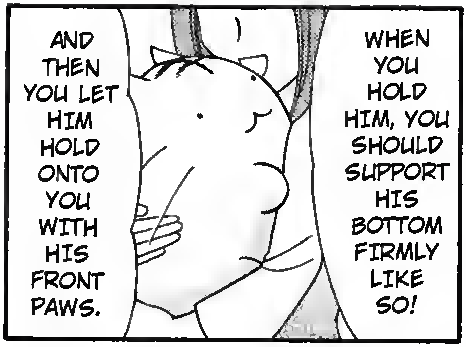

HELLO!

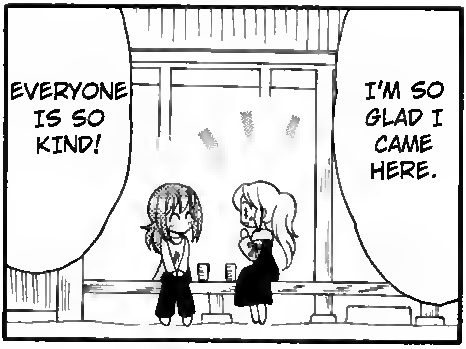

SO YOU'VE BEEN WALKING AROUND CARRY-ING THAT ALL DAY?!
WHEN HE SEES A BASKET, HE'LL ALWAYS GO IN!

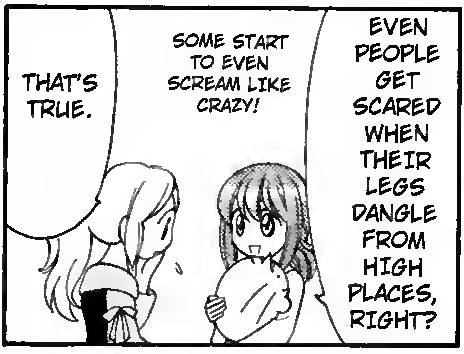

DOTING!
DOTING!
HUNTING FOR THE HEARTS OF OLD MEN.

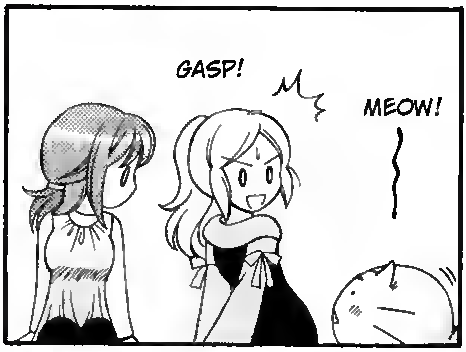

I MADE THESE FROM PEARS!
YUKA, SHARING HER TSUCHI-NOKO BRAND GOODS!
HUH?!
AND MANY GIFTS RECEIVED IN RETURN.
MORE THAN BEFORE!
WE HAVE A REQUEST... FOR OUR STORE...
HOW COLOR-FUL AND CUTE!
WE'RE GONNA MAKE A HOT POT OUT OF OURS!
I MADE PICKLES OUT OF THESE MUSH-ROOMS!
YOU'RE MAKING A POSTER THIS TIME?
A REAL BOUNTY!
INCLUD-ING A JOB!
CUUUUTE!
AND A TSUCHI-NOKO* MONSTER STICKER ON THE JAR!

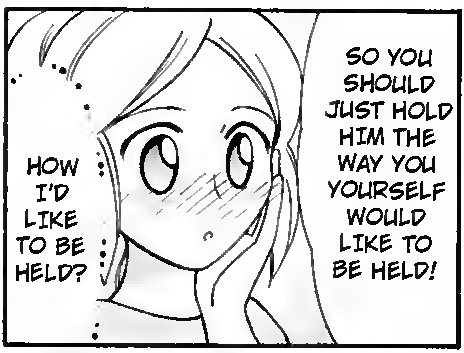
*PREVIOUSLY, YUKA MISTOOK POYO FOR A TSUCHINOKO, A MYTHOLOGICAL JAPANESE SEA MONSTER

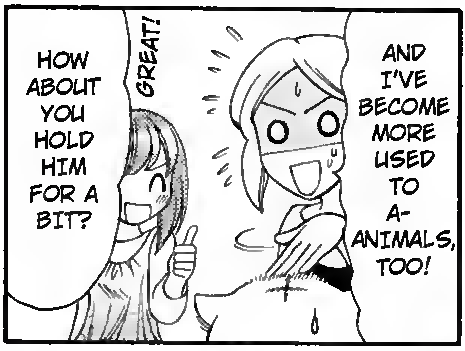

AND THEN YOU LET HIM HOLD ONTO YOU WITH HIS FRONT PAWS.
WHEN YOU HOLD HIM, YOU SHOULD SUPPORT HIS BOTTOM FIRMLY LIKE SO!

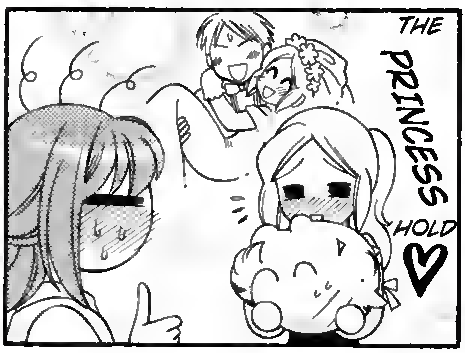

EVERYONE IS SO KIND!
I'M SO GLAD I CAME HERE.

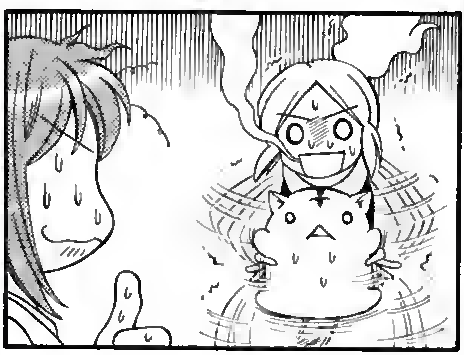

THAT'S TRUE.
SOME START TO EVEN SCREAM LIKE CRAZY!
EVEN PEOPLE GET SCARED WHEN THEIR LEGS DANGLE FROM HIGH PLACES, RIGHT?

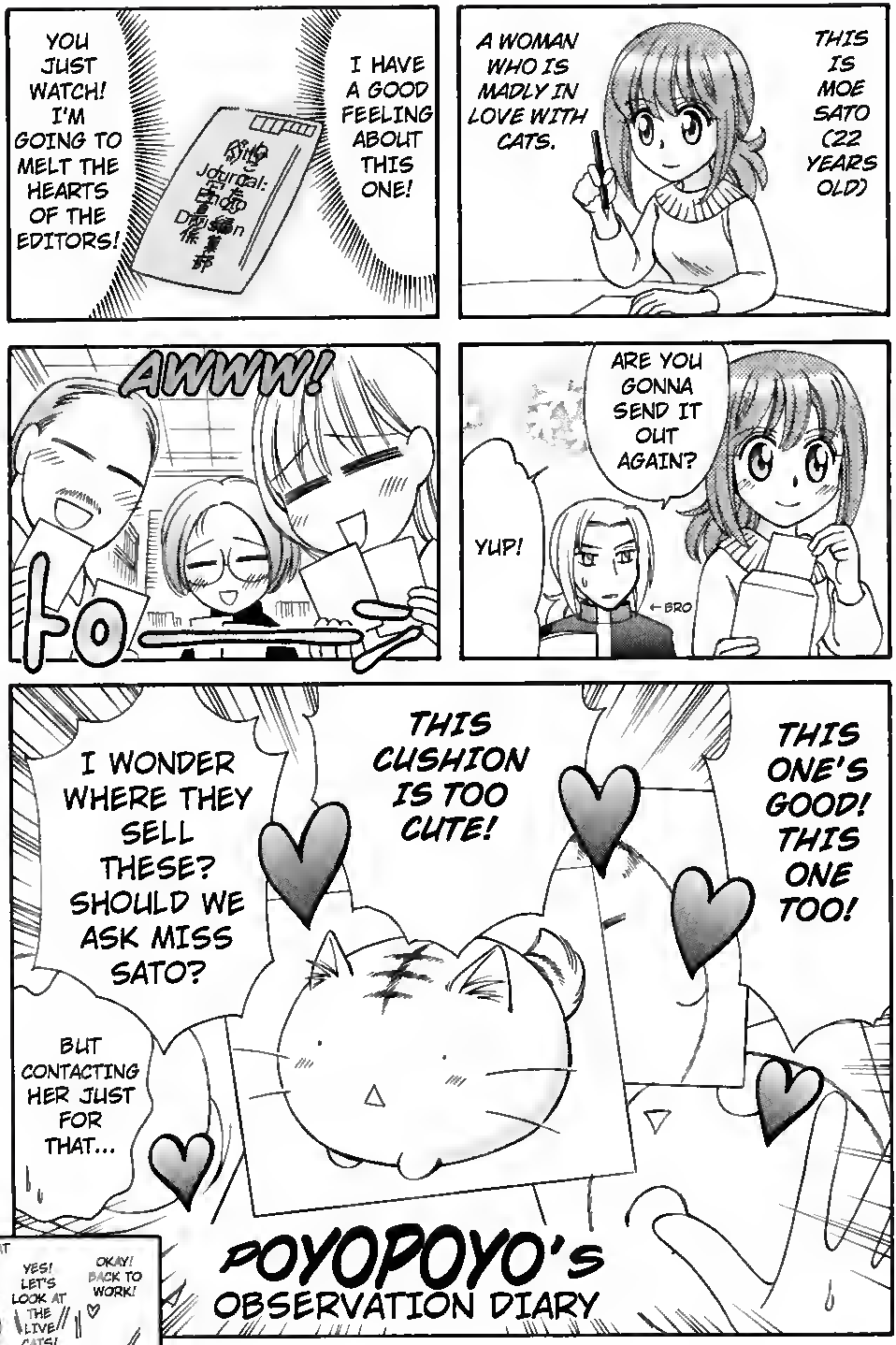

GASP!
MEOW!

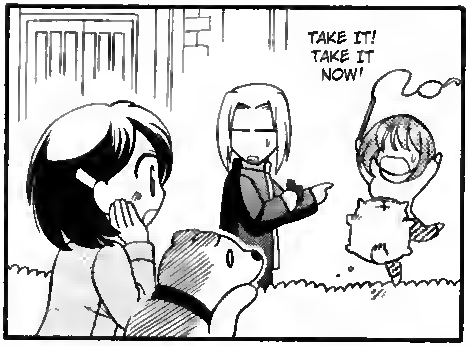

HOW I'D LIKE TO BE HELD?
SO YOU SHOULD JUST HOLD HIM THE WAY YOU YOURSELF WOULD LIKE TO BE HELD!

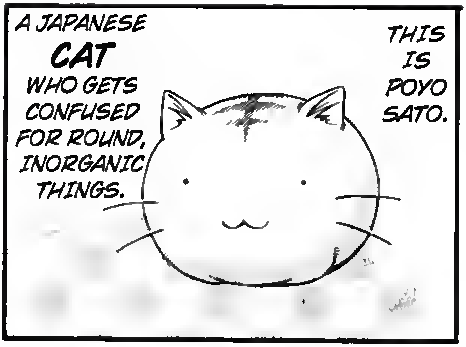

HOW ABOUT YOU HOLD HIM FOR A BIT?
GREAT!
AND I'VE BECOME MORE USED TO A-ANIMALS, TOO!

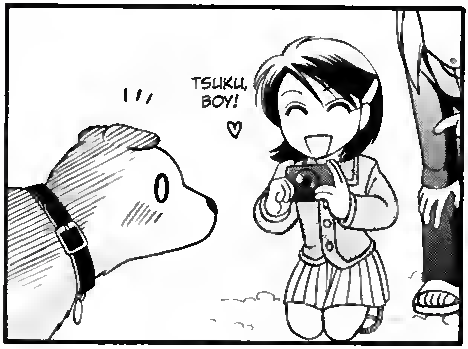

THE PRINCESS HOLD

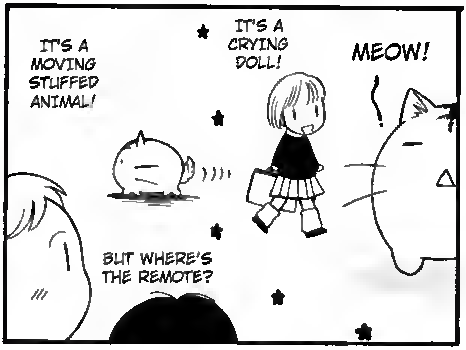


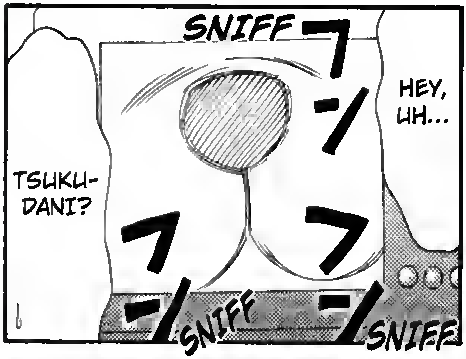

I HAVE A GOOD FEELING ABOUT THIS ONE!
YOU JUST WATCH! I'M GOING TO MELT THE HEARTS OF THE EDITORS!
Journal:
THIS IS MOE SATO (22 YEARS OLD)
A WOMAN WHO IS MADLY IN LOVE WITH CATS.
AWWW!
ARE YOU GONNA SEND IT OUT AGAIN?
YUP!
←BRO
THIS ONE'S GOOD! THIS ONE TOO!
THIS CUSHION IS TOO CUTE!
I WONDER WHERE THEY SELL THESE? SHOULD WE ASK MISS SATO?
BUT CONTACTING HER JUST FOR THAT...
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY
BUT THAT ONE'S ALIVE, TOO...
YES! LET'S LOOK AT THE LIVE CATS!
OKAY! BACK TO WORK!

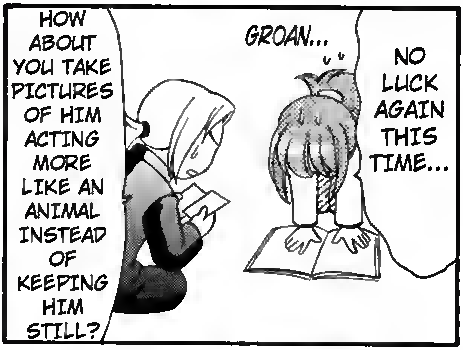

TAKE IT! TAKE IT NOW!

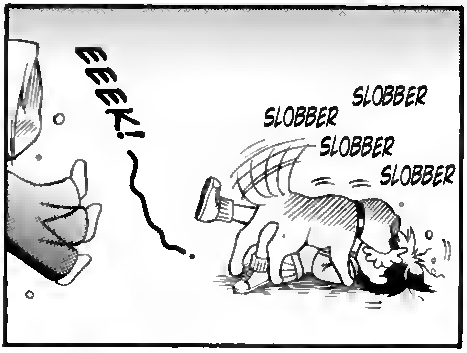

A JAPANESE CAT WHO GETS CONFUSED FOR ROUND, INORGANIC THINGS.
THIS IS POYO SATO.

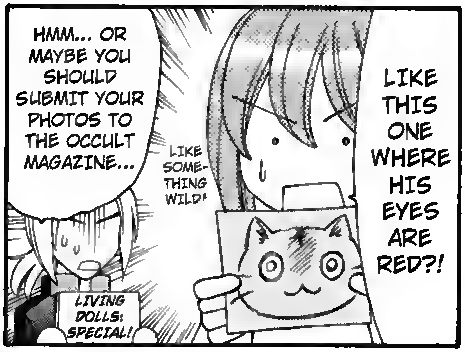

TSUKU, BOY!

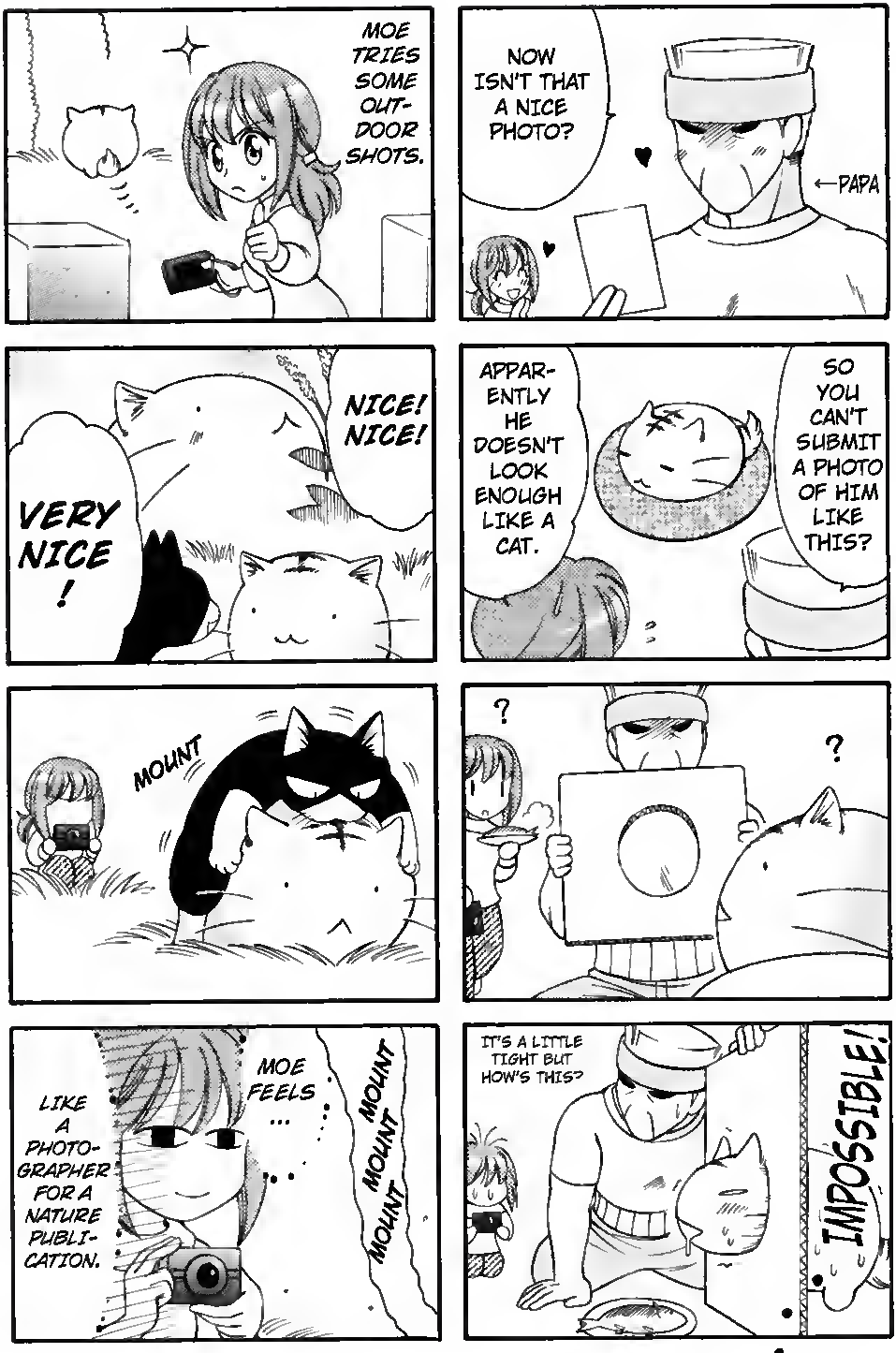

IT'S A MOVING STUFFED ANIMAL!
IT'S A CRYING DOLL!
MEOW!
BUT WHERE'S THE REMOTE?

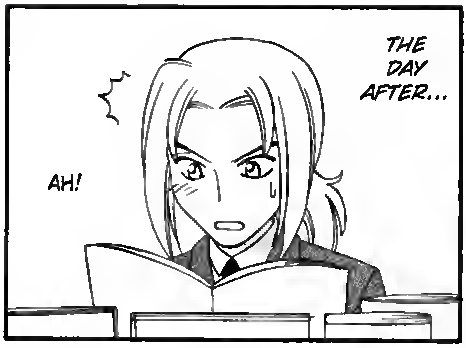

SNIFF
TSUKU-DANI?
HEY, UH...
SNIFF
SNIFF

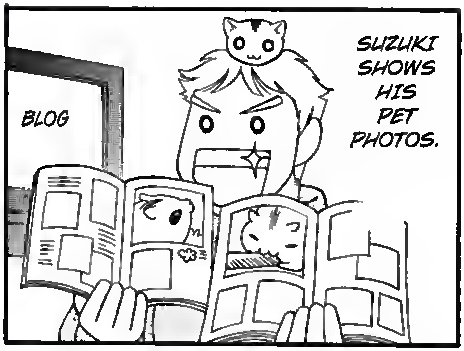

HOW ABOUT YOU TAKE PICTURES OF HIM ACTING MORE LIKE AN ANIMAL INSTEAD OF KEEPING HIM STILL?
GROAN...
NO LUCK AGAIN THIS TIME...

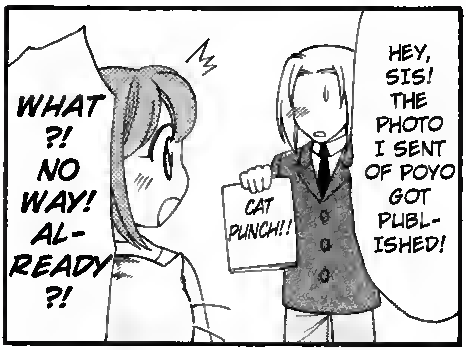

EEEK!
SLOBBER
SLOBBER
SLOBBER
SLOBBER

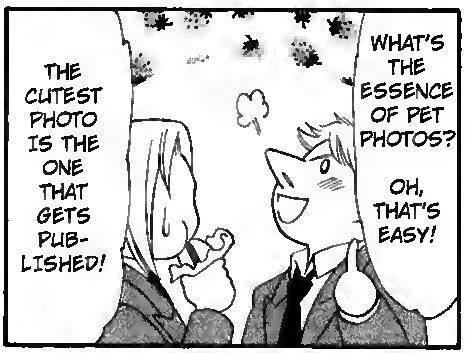

HMM... OR MAYBE YOU SHOULD SUBMIT YOUR PHOTOS TO THE OCCULT MAGAZINE...
LIKE SOME-THING WILD!
LIVING DOLLS: SPECIAL!
LIKE THIS ONE WHERE HIS EYES ARE RED?!


MOE TRIES SOME OUT-DOOR SHOTS.
NOW ISN'T THAT A NICE PHOTO?
←PAPA
NICE! NICE!
VERY NICE!
APPAR-ENTLY HE DOESN'T LOOK ENOUGH LIKE A CAT.
SO YOU CAN'T SUBMIT A PHOTO OF HIM LIKE THIS?
MOUNT
?
?
LIKE A PHOTO-GRAPHER FOR A NATURE PUBLI-CATION.
MOE FEELS ...
MOUNT MOUNT MOUNT
IT'S A LITTLE TIGHT BUT HOW'S THIS?
IMPOSSIBLE!

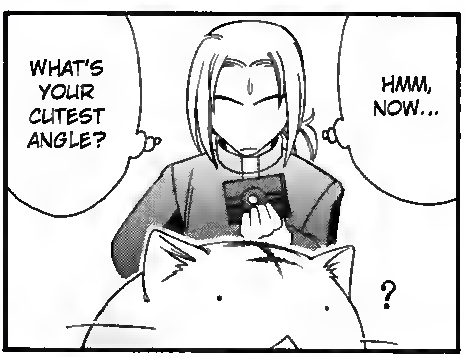

THE DAY AFTER...
AH!

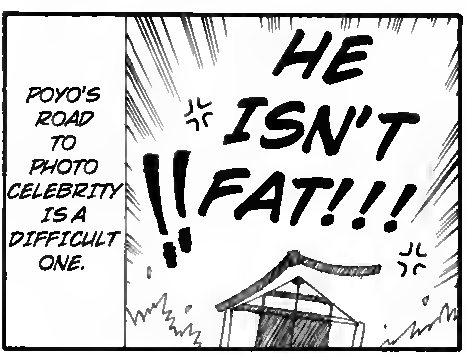

SUZUKI SHOWS HIS PET PHOTOS.
BLOG

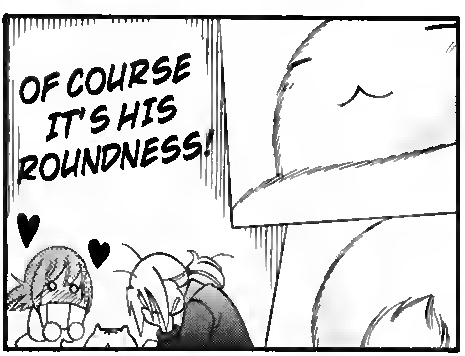

HEY, SIS! THE PHOTO I SENT OF POYO GOT PUBL-ISHED!
CAT PUNCH!!
WHAT ?! NO WAY! AL-READY ?!

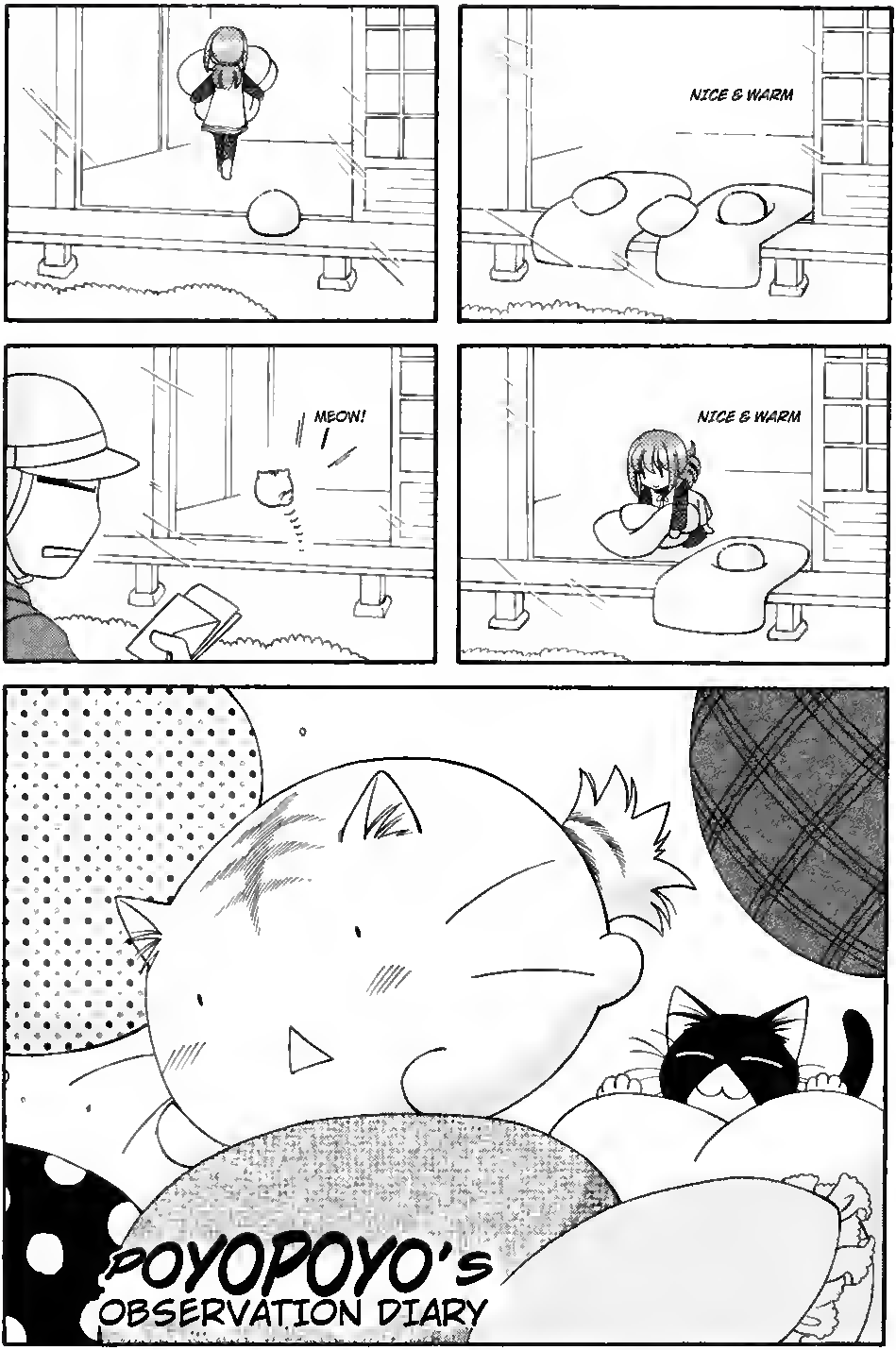

WHAT'S THE ESSENCE OF PET PHOTOS?
OH, THAT'S EASY!
THE CUTEST PHOTO IS THE ONE THAT GETS PUB-LISHED!

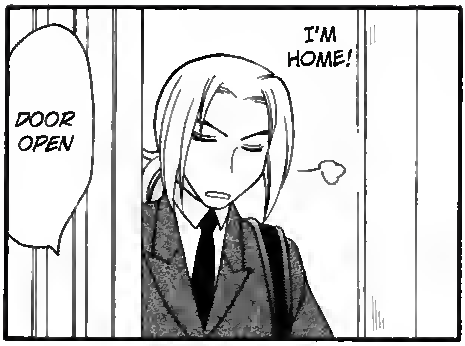
THE FAT CAT PRIZE!
"I SENT THIS 'CAUSE I WANTED TO SHOW EVERYONE THIS BIG REAR!"
FROM MR. S IN CHIBARAKI

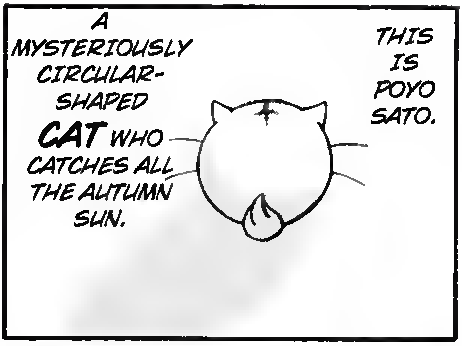

HMM, NOW...
WHAT'S YOUR CUTEST ANGLE?
?

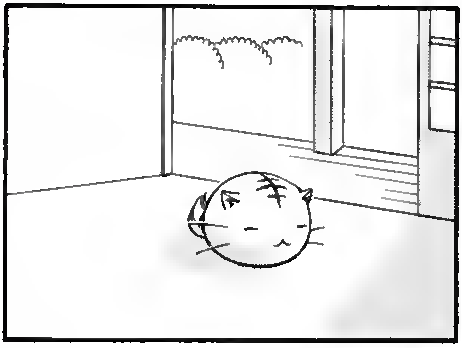

POYO'S ROAD TO PHOTO CELEBRITY IS A DIFFICULT ONE.
HE ISN'T FAT!!!

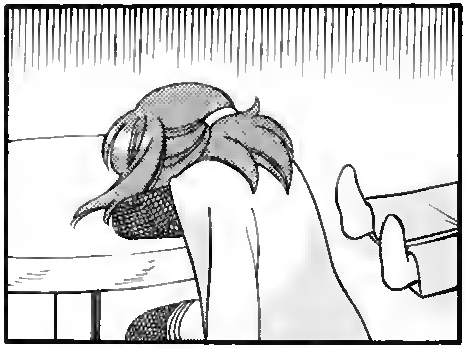

OF COURSE IT'S HIS ROUNDNESS!

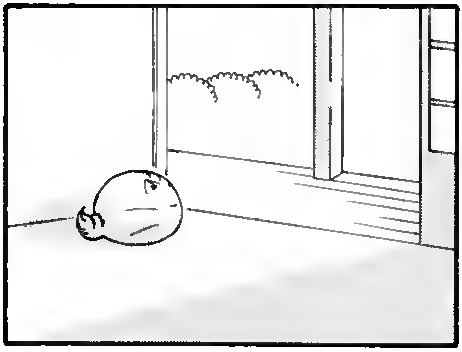

NICE & WARM
MEOW!
NICE & WARM
POYOPOYO'S
OBSERVATION DIARY

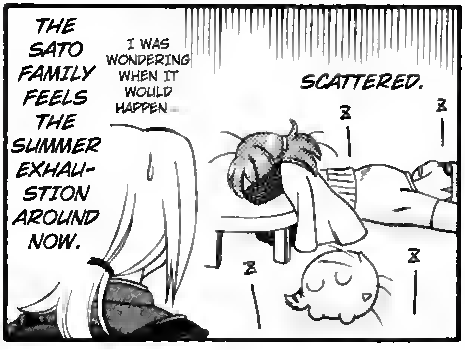

I'M HOME!
DOOR OPEN

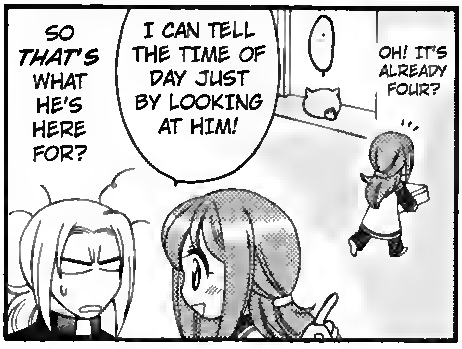

THIS IS POYO SATO.
A MYSTERIOUSLY CIRCULAR-SHAPED CAT WHO CATCHES ALL THE AUTUMN SUN.

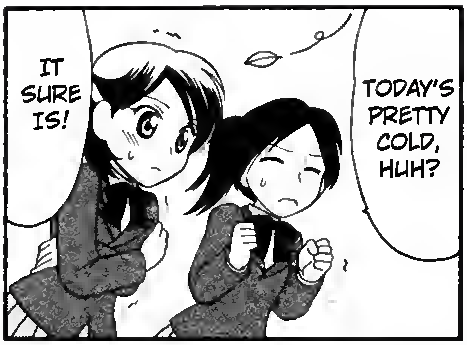


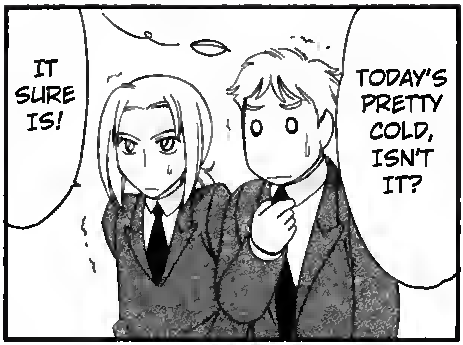


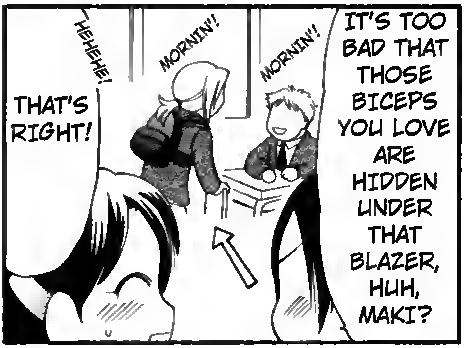


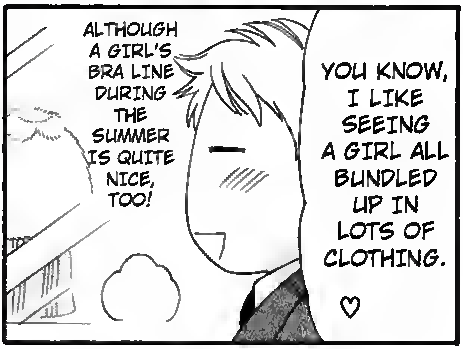

THE SATO FAMILY FEELS THE SUMMER EXHAUSTION AROUND NOW.
I WAS WONDERING WHEN IT WOULD HAPPEN...
SCATTERED.

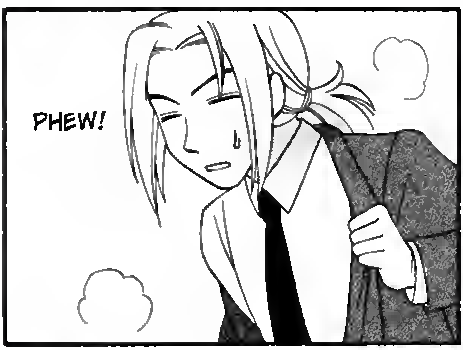

SO THAT'S WHAT HE'S HERE FOR?
I CAN TELL THE TIME OF DAY JUST BY LOOKING AT HIM!
OH! IT'S ALREADY FOUR?

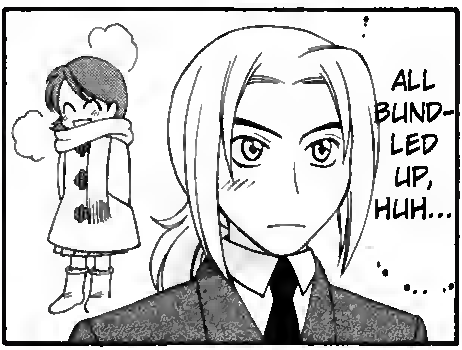

IT SURE IS!
TODAY'S PRETTY COLD, HUH?

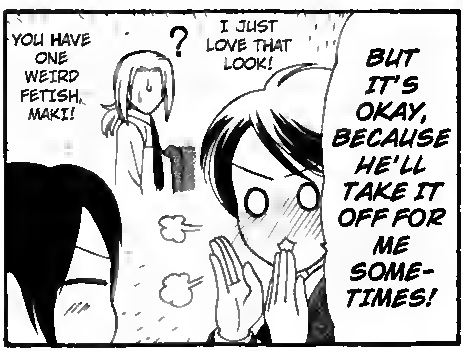

IT SURE IS!
TODAY'S PRETTY COLD, ISN'T IT?

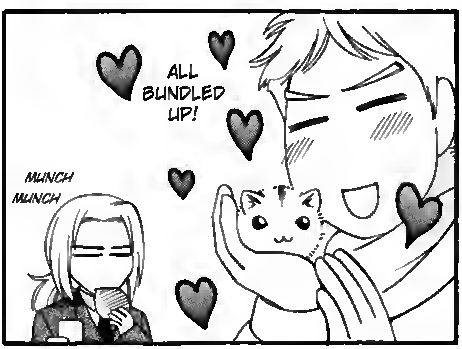

HEHEHE!
MORNIN'!
MORNIN'!
THAT'S RIGHT!
IT'S TOO BAD THAT THOSE BICEPS YOU LOVE ARE HIDDEN UNDER THAT BLAZER, HUH, MAKI?

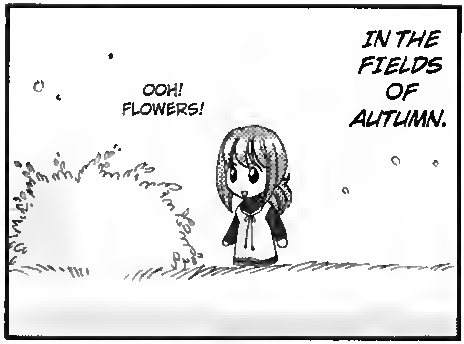

ALTHOUGH A GIRL'S BRA LINE DURING THE SUMMER IS QUITE NICE, TOO!
YOU KNOW, I LIKE SEEING A GIRL ALL BUNDLED UP IN LOTS OF CLOTHING. ♡


PHEW!

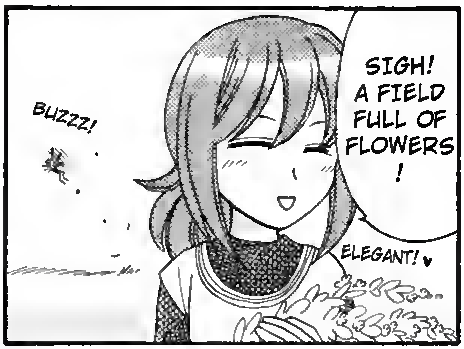

ALL BUNDLED UP, HUH...

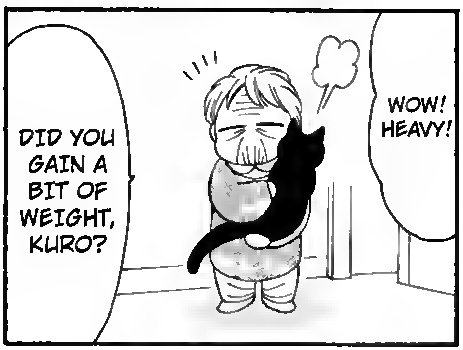

YOU HAVE ONE WEIRD FETISH, MAKI!
?
I JUST LOVE THAT LOOK!
BUT IT'S OKAY, BECAUSE HE'LL TAKE IT OFF FOR ME SOMETIMES!

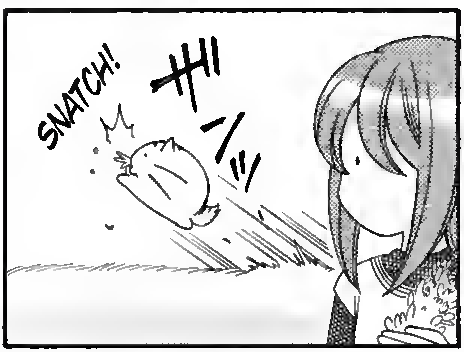

ALL BUNDLED UP!
MUNCH MUNCH

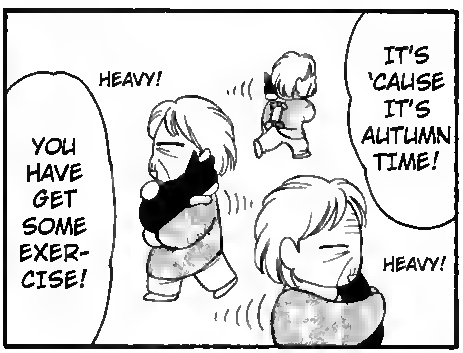

IN THE FIELDS OF AUTUMN.
OOH! FLOWERS!

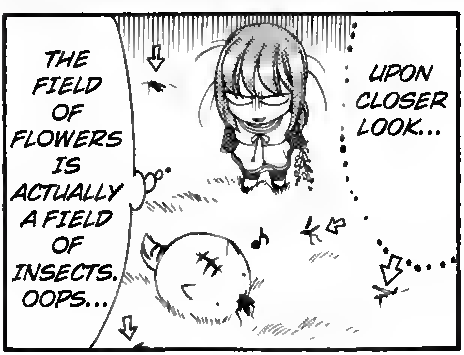
OH, KURO!
♡

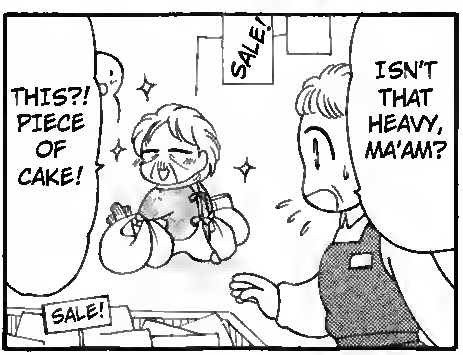

BUZZZ!
SIGH! A FIELD FULL OF FLOWERS!
ELEGANT!♥

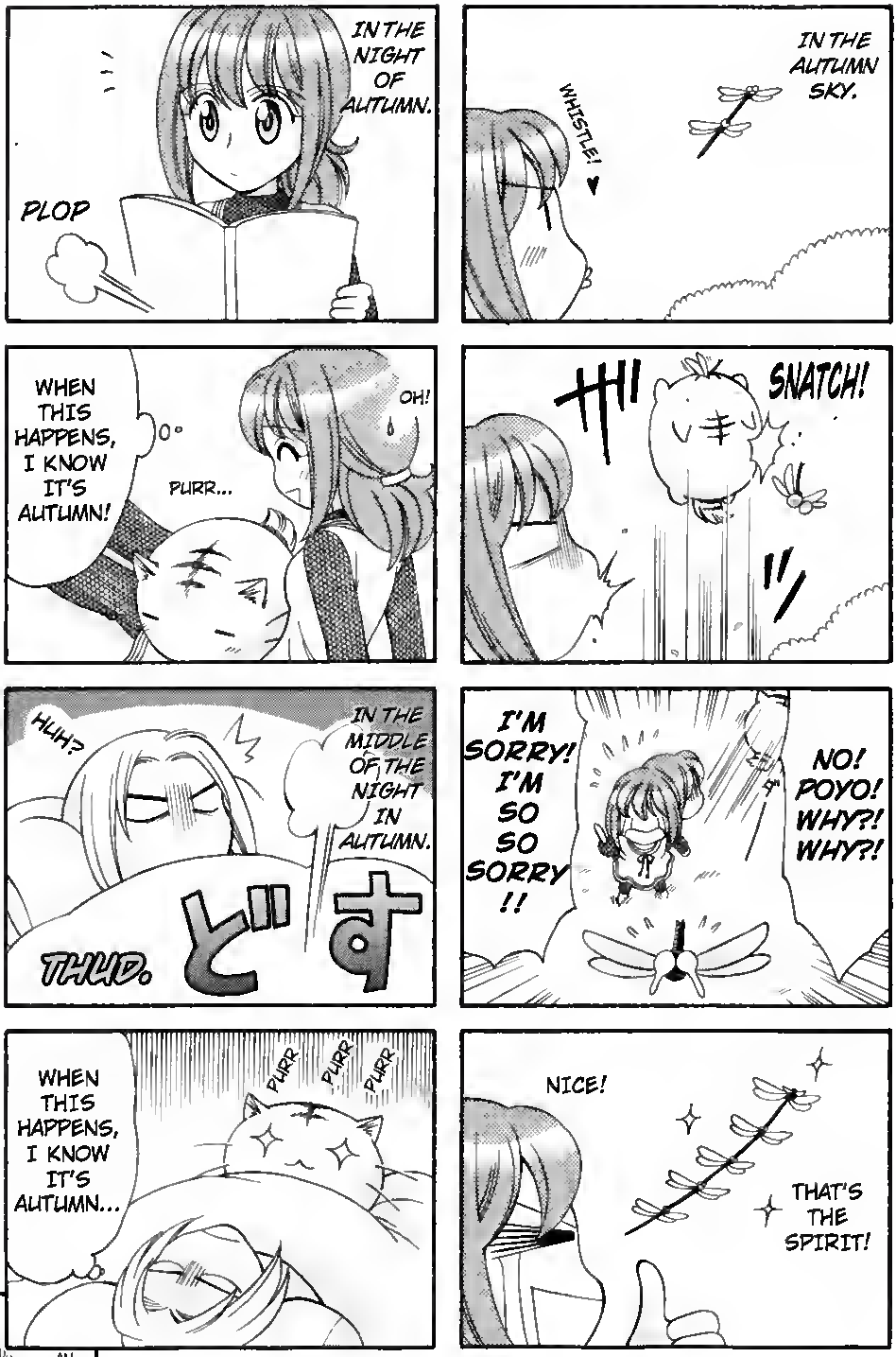

DID YOU GAIN A BIT OF WEIGHT, KURO?
WOW! HEAVY!


SNATCH!

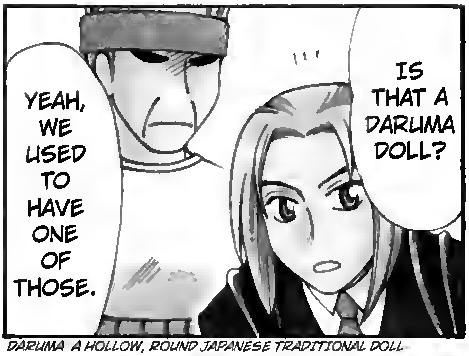

HEAVY!
YOU HAVE GET SOME EXER-CISE!
IT'S 'CAUSE IT'S AUTUMN TIME!
HEAVY!


THE FIELD OF FLOWERS IS ACTUALLY A FIELD OF INSECTS. OOPS...
UPON CLOSER LOOK...

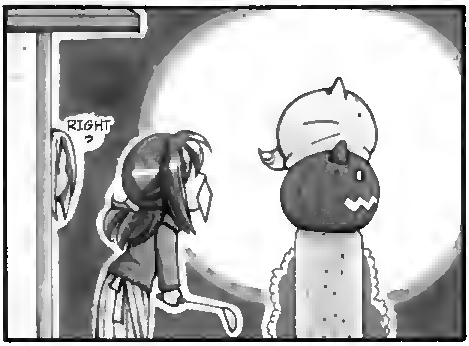

THIS?! PIECE OF CAKE!
SALE!
SALE!
ISN'T THAT HEAVY, MA'AM?

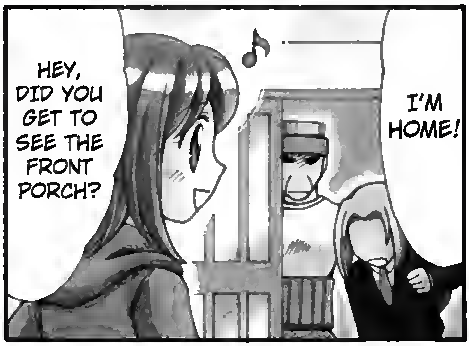

IN THE NIGHT OF AUTUMN.
PLOP
IN THE AUTUMN SKY.
WHISTLE!
WHEN THIS HAPPENS, I KNOW IT'S AUTUMN!
PURR...
OH!
HI!
SNATCH!
HUH?
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT IN AUTUMN.
THUD.
I'M SORRY! I'M SO SO SORRY!!
NO! POYO! WHY?! WHY?!
WHEN THIS HAPPENS, I KNOW IT'S AUTUMN...
PURR
PURR
PURR
NICE!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
WOBBLE!
AN EARTH-QUAKE?

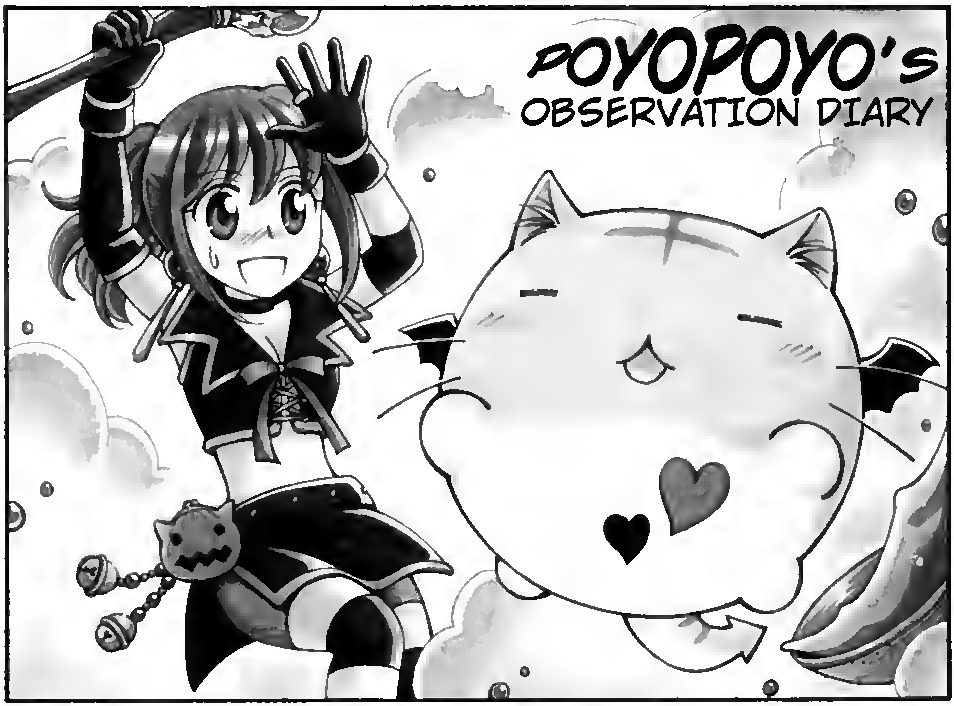
BOUGHT NEW BLANKETS!
POYO & MOE
HEAVY
AHH...
POYO & HIDE
HEAVY
.....
HUBBAHUTCH!
POYO & PAPA
ARM PILLOW
OKAY! I'LL JUST HAVE ALL OF THIS MYSELF.
LOVERS!
LOVERS!!



DARUMA A HOLLOW, ROUND JAPANESE TRADITIONAL DOLL







HMM...
A CAT WITH AN AURA OF A JACK-O-LANTERN!
THIS IS POYO SATO.
SCRAPE!
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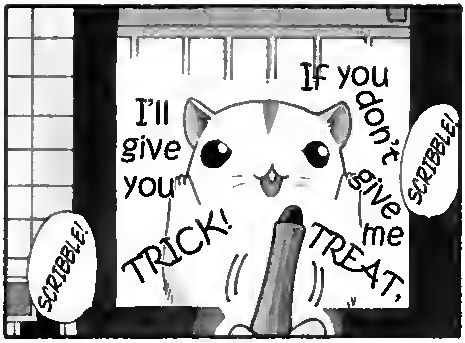
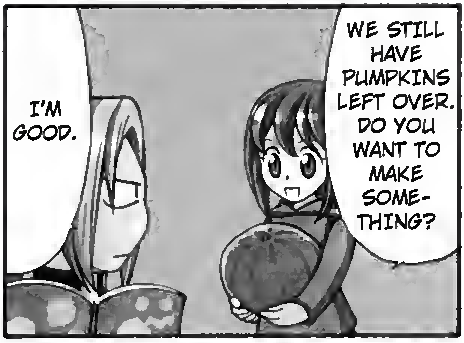
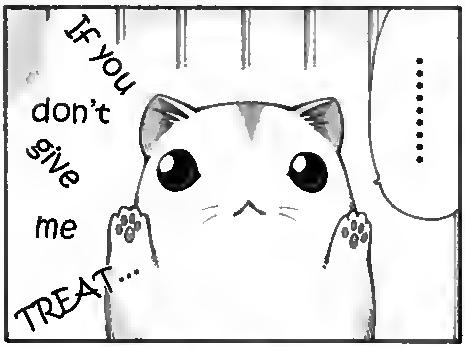
ゴリ
SCRAPE!
CHIKUBA MARKET
IMPOSSIBLE!
FLICKER.
POYO ?


If you don't give me TREAT,
I'll give you TRICK!
SCRIBBLE!
SCRIBBLE!


I'M GOOD.
WE STILL HAVE PUMPKINS LEFT OVER. DO YOU WANT TO MAKE SOMETHING?

OKAY, OKAY! YOU WANT YOUR TREAT?
JUST WAIT ONE SECOND...
RATTLE
RATTLE

UM, SIS...
HUH? REALLY? YOU COULD PROBABLY MAKE SOMETHING REALLY COOL, THOUGH!


If you don't give me TREAT...
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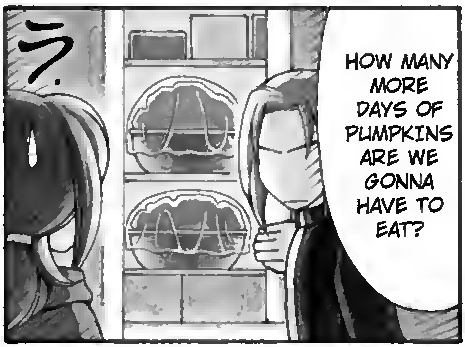
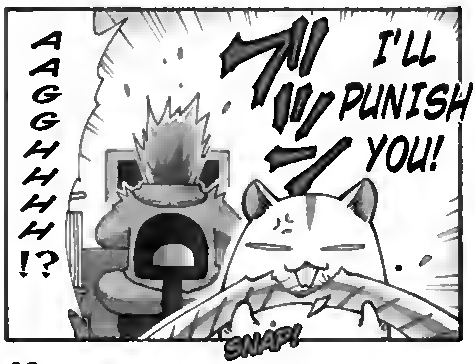
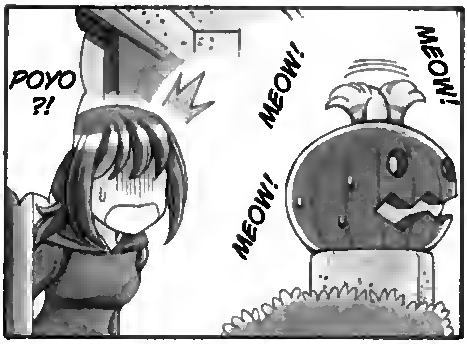
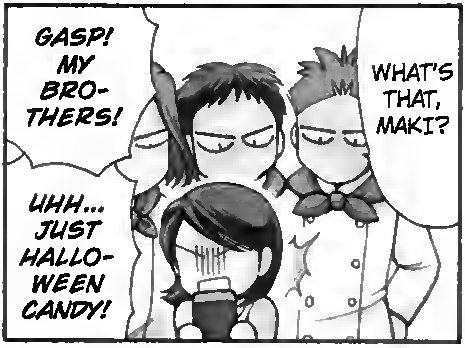
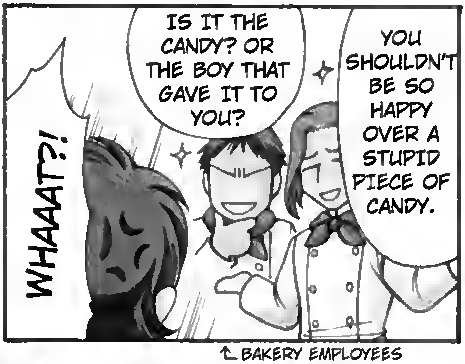

ラ.
HOW MANY MORE DAYS OF PUMPKINS ARE WE GONNA HAVE TO EAT?


AAGGHHHH!?
I'LL PUNISH YOU!
SNAP!

I WANTED TO MAKE SOMETHING...
SORRY!
PLEASE REMEMBER THIS FOR NEXT YEAR...







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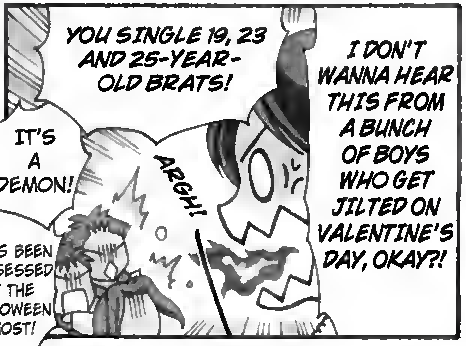
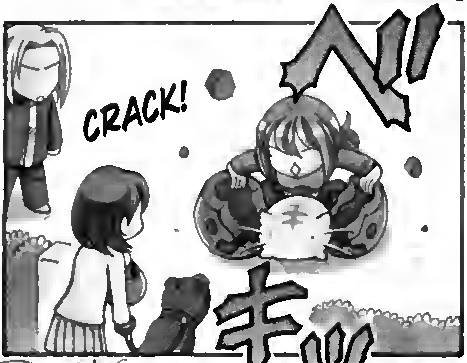
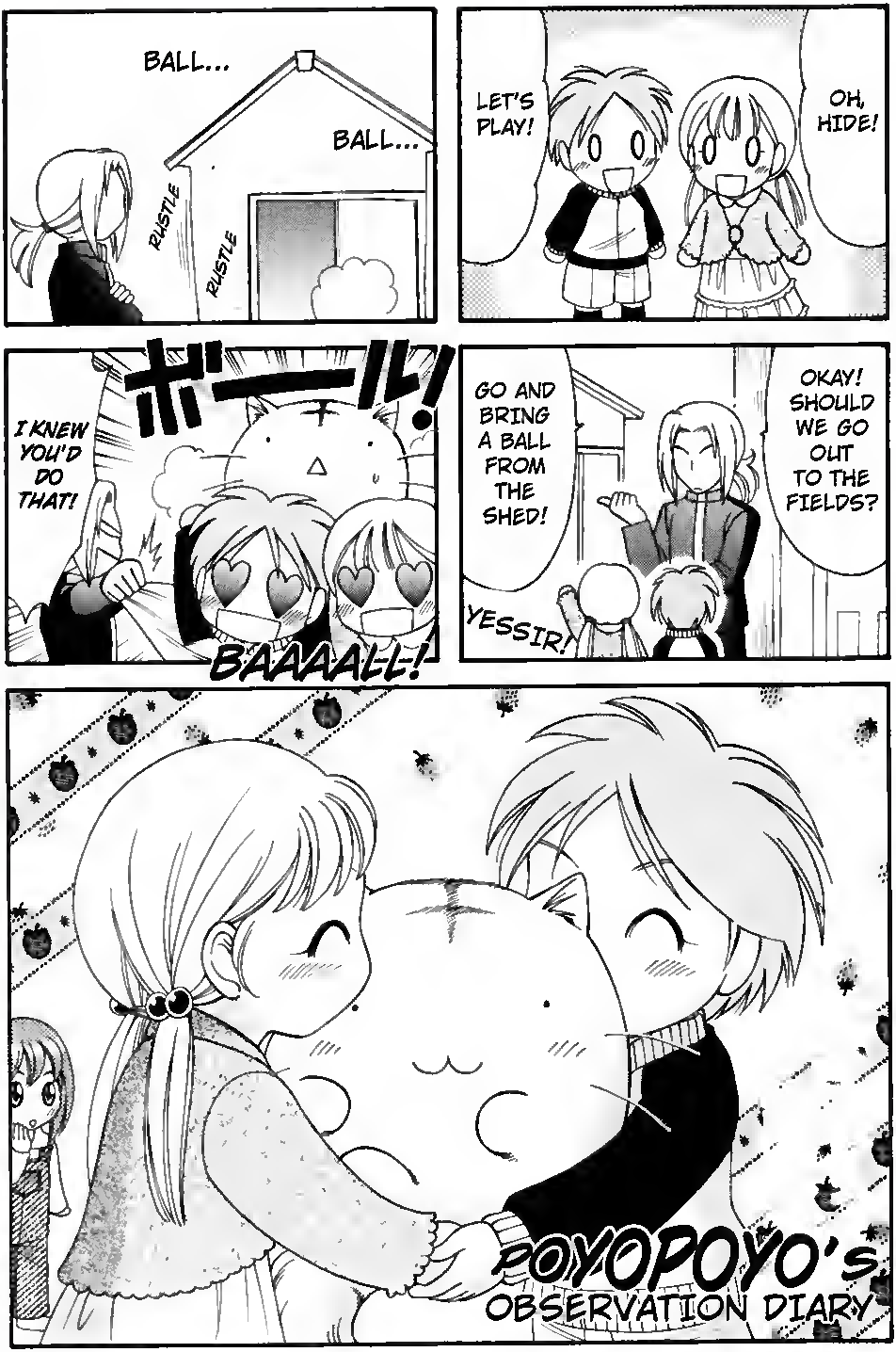
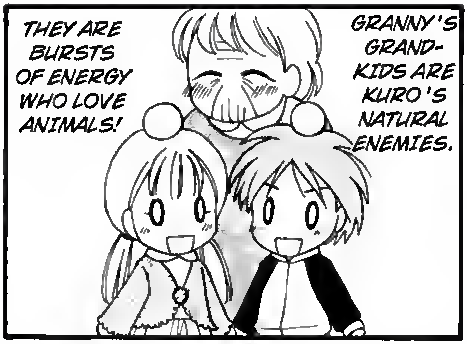
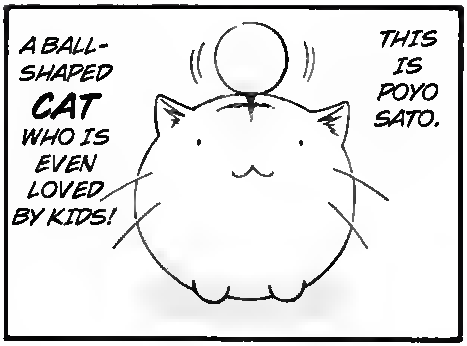

YOU SINGLE 19, 23 AND 25-YEAR-OLD BRATS!
I DON'T WANNA HEAR THIS FROM A BUNCH OF BOYS WHO GET JILTED ON VALENTINE'S DAY, OKAY?!
IT'S A DEMON!
ARGH!
SHE'S BEEN POSSESSED BY THE HALLOWEEN GHOST!



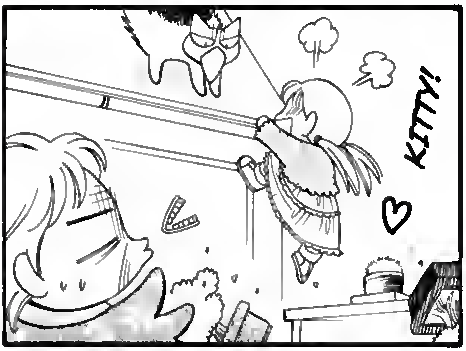

BALL...
BALL...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
LET'S PLAY!
OH, HIDE!
ボール!
I KNEW YOU'D DO THAT!
BAAAALL!
GO AND BRING A BALL FROM THE SHED!
OKAY! SHOULD WE GO OUT TO THE FIELDS?
YESSIR!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY


THEY ARE BURSTS OF ENERGY WHO LOVE ANIMALS!
GRANNY'S GRAND-KIDS ARE KURO'S NATURAL ENEMIES.


A BALL-SHAPED CAT WHO IS EVEN LOVED BY KIDS!
THIS IS POYO SATO.

KITTY!

A HALF A DAY AGO...
LOVE YOU! BYE NOW!
BE GOOD KIDS, OKAY?!
VROOM!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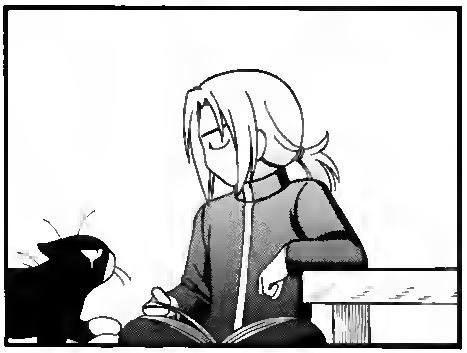
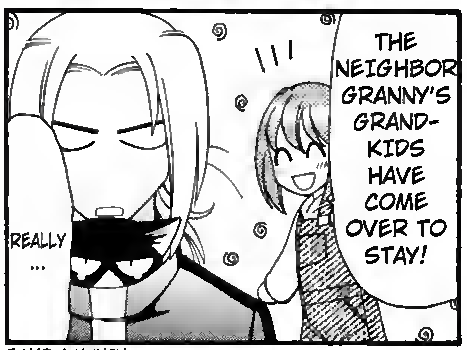
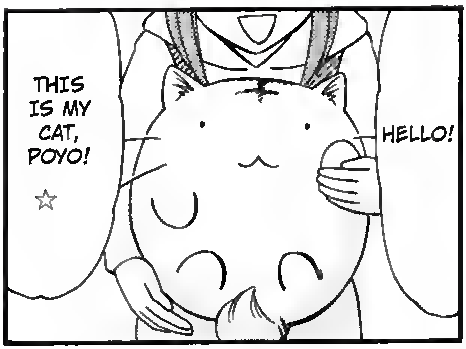
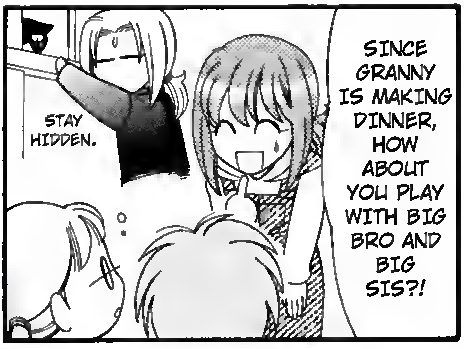


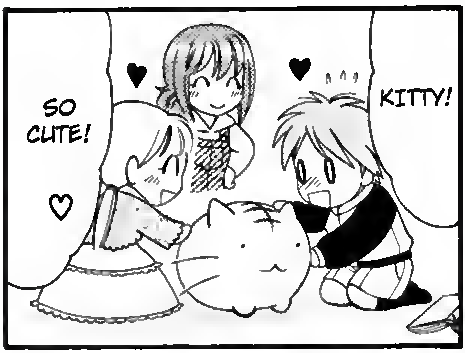
POYO... YOU'RE SO MATURE AND WELL-BEHAVED.
GRANNY! SNAP OUT OF IT!
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT HUMAN?
MIDDAY NAP

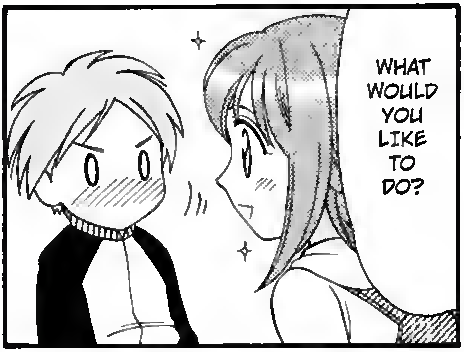

THE NEIGHBOR GRANNY'S GRAND-KIDS HAVE COME OVER TO STAY!
REALLY ...

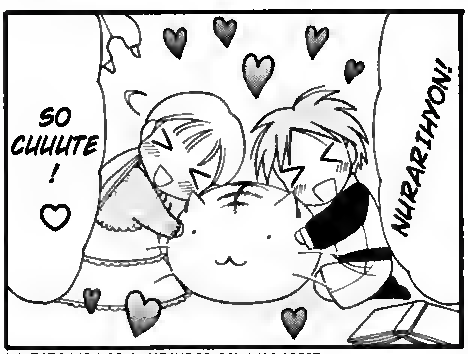
I HAD A HUNCH.

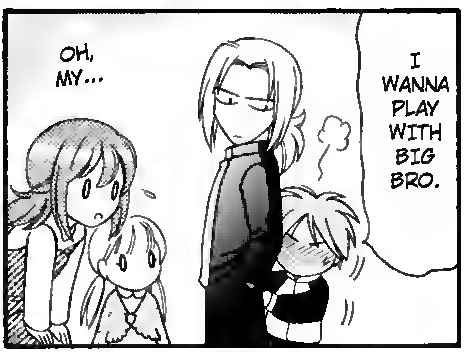




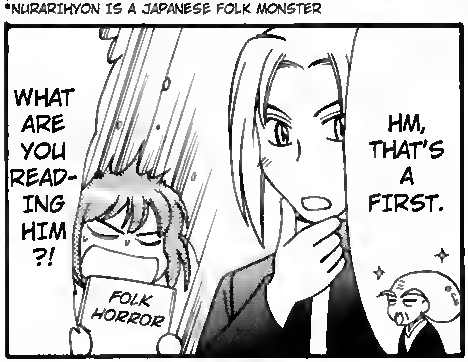


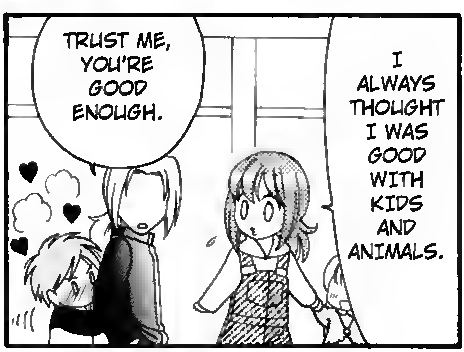


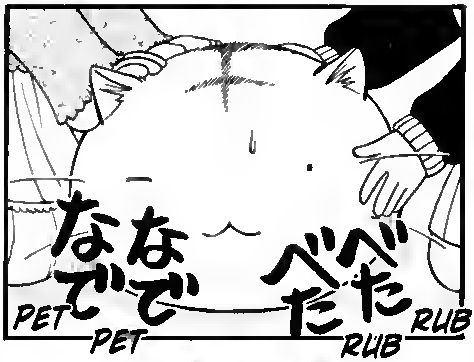




*NURARIHYON IS A JAPANESE FOLK MONSTER



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PET
PET
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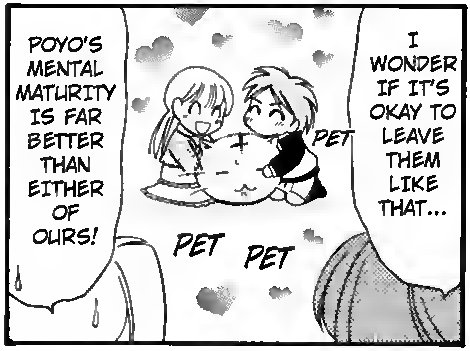
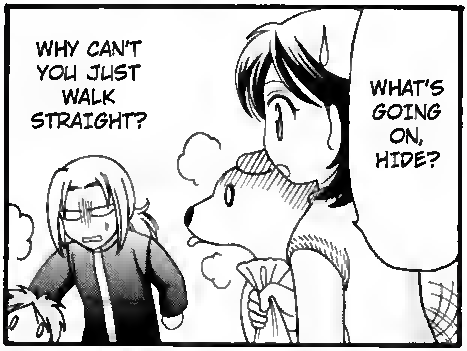
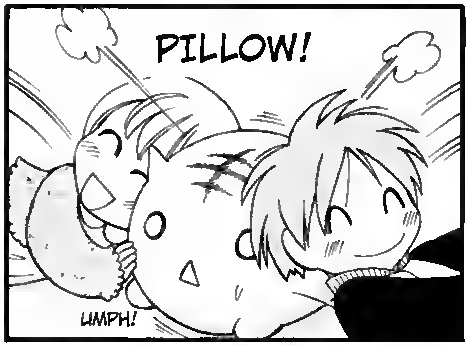
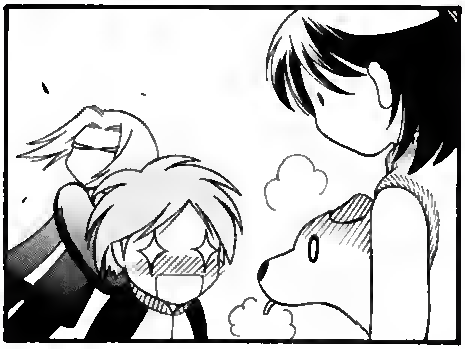
RUB
RUB

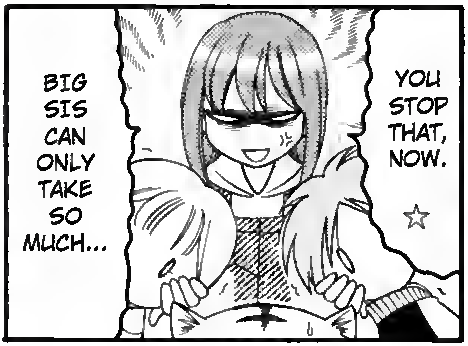
DON'T GET OUT OF CONTROL ALL AT ONCE !!!
HEHEH

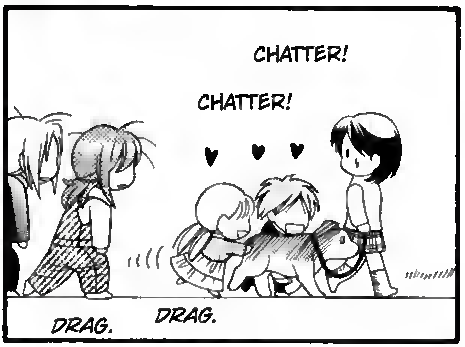

POYO'S MENTAL MATURITY IS FAR BETTER THAN EITHER OF OURS!
PET
PET
PET
I WONDER IF IT'S OKAY TO LEAVE THEM LIKE THAT...


WHY CAN'T YOU JUST WALK STRAIGHT?
WHAT'S GOING ON, HIDE?

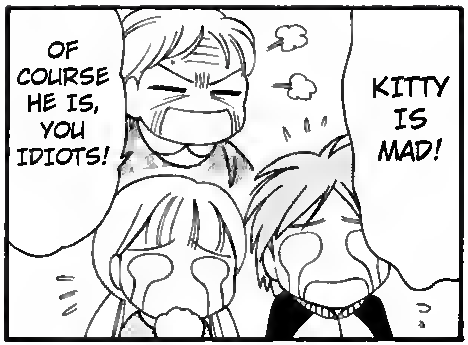

PILLOW!
UMPH!

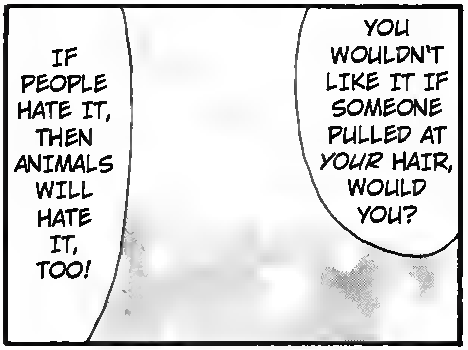


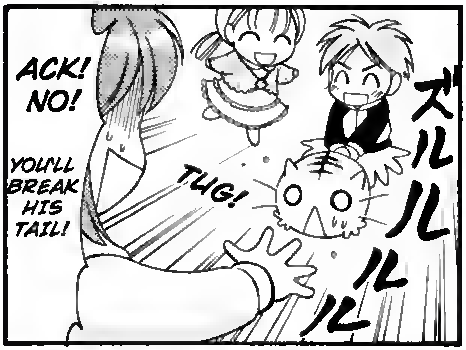

BIG SIS CAN ONLY TAKE SO MUCH...
YOU STOP THAT, NOW.

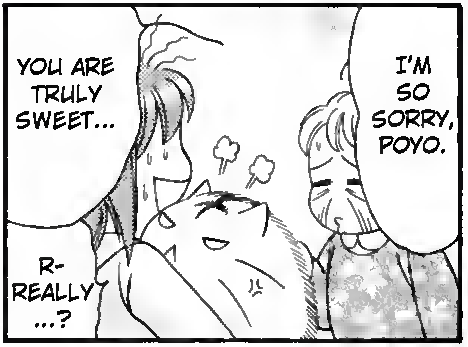

CHATTER!
CHATTER!
DRAG.
DRAG.

ONE MORE KID...

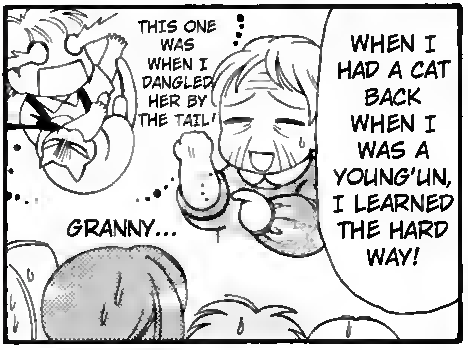


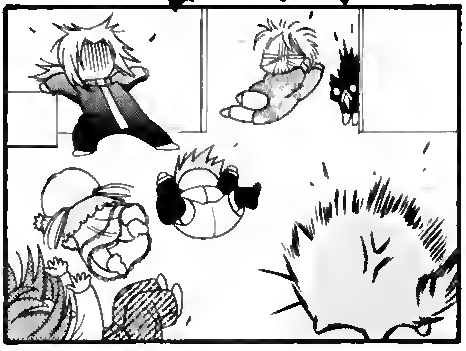


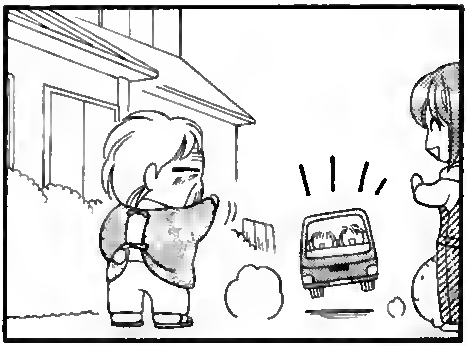


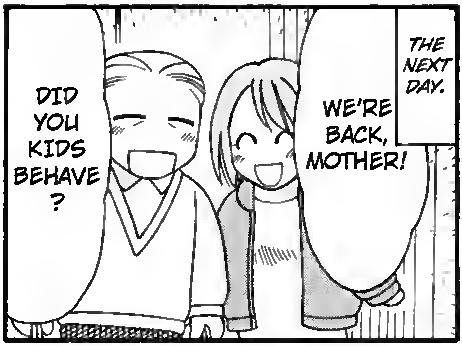


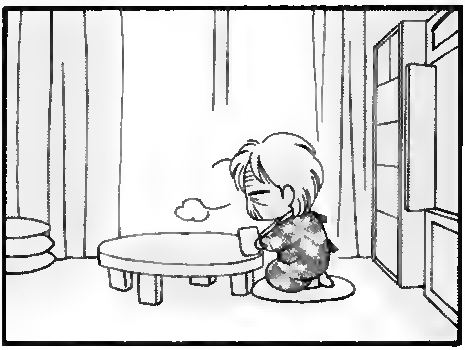
A NEW SIDE OF POYO

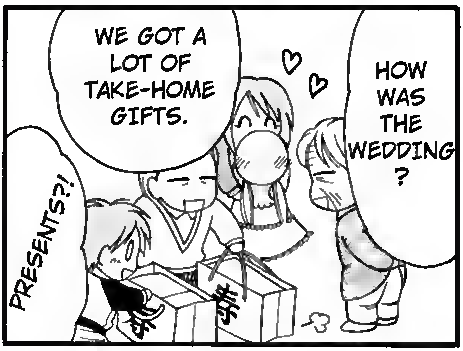


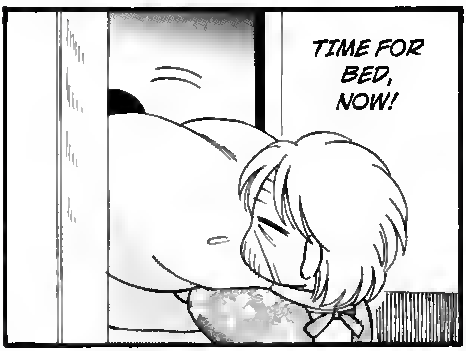


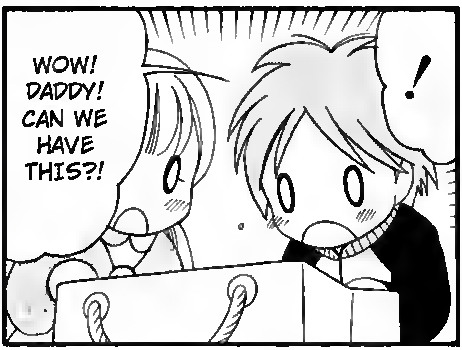


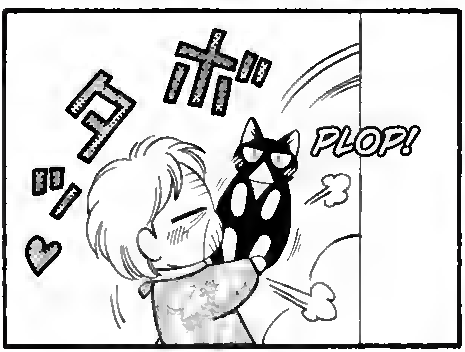

THE NEXT DAY.
WE'RE BACK, MOTHER!
DID YOU KIDS BEHAVE ?

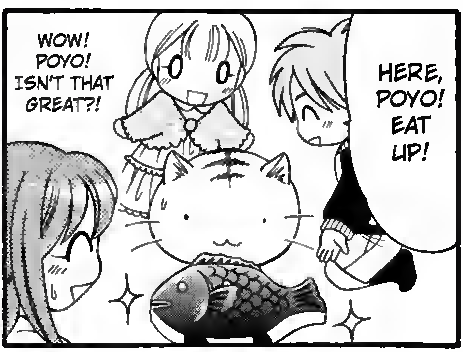


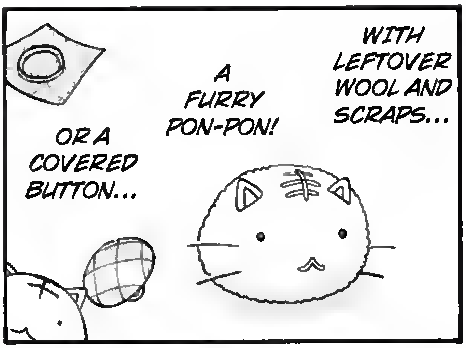

HOW WAS THE WEDDING ?
WE GOT A LOT OF TAKE-HOME GIFTS.
PRESENTS?!

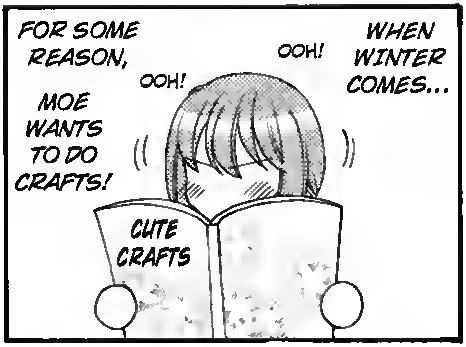

TIME FOR BED, NOW!

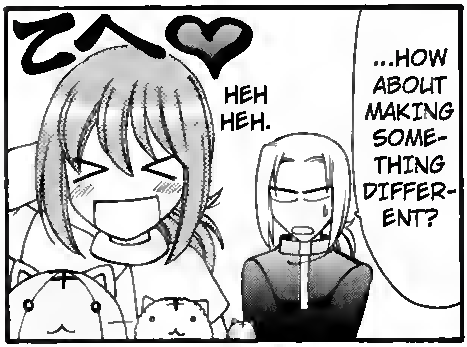

WOW! DADDY! CAN WE HAVE THIS?!
!


PLOP!


WOW! POYO! ISN'T THAT GREAT?!
HERE, POYO! EAT UP!


WITH LEFTOVER WOOL AND SCRAPS...
A FURRY PON-PON!
OR A COVERED BUTTON...


FOR SOME REASON, MOE WANTS TO DO CRAFTS!
OOH!
OOH!
WHEN WINTER COMES...
CUTE CRAFTS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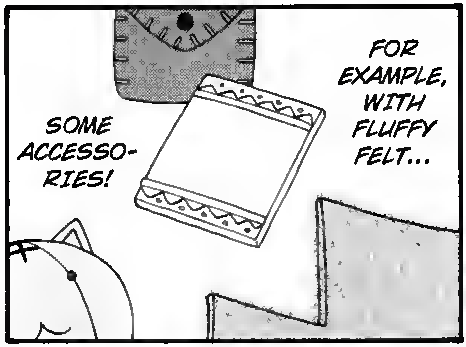
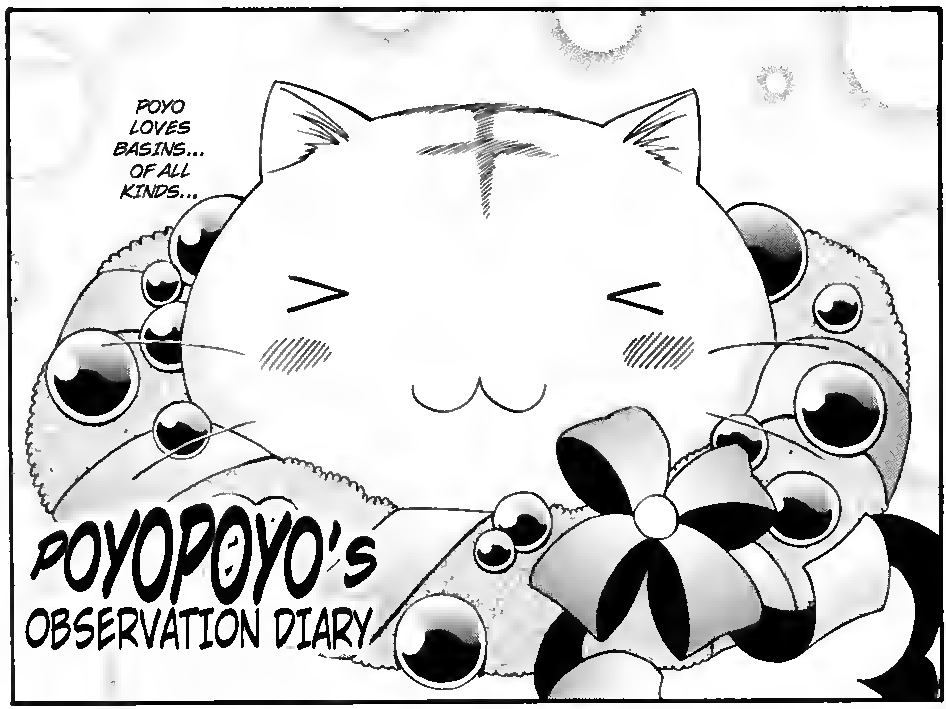
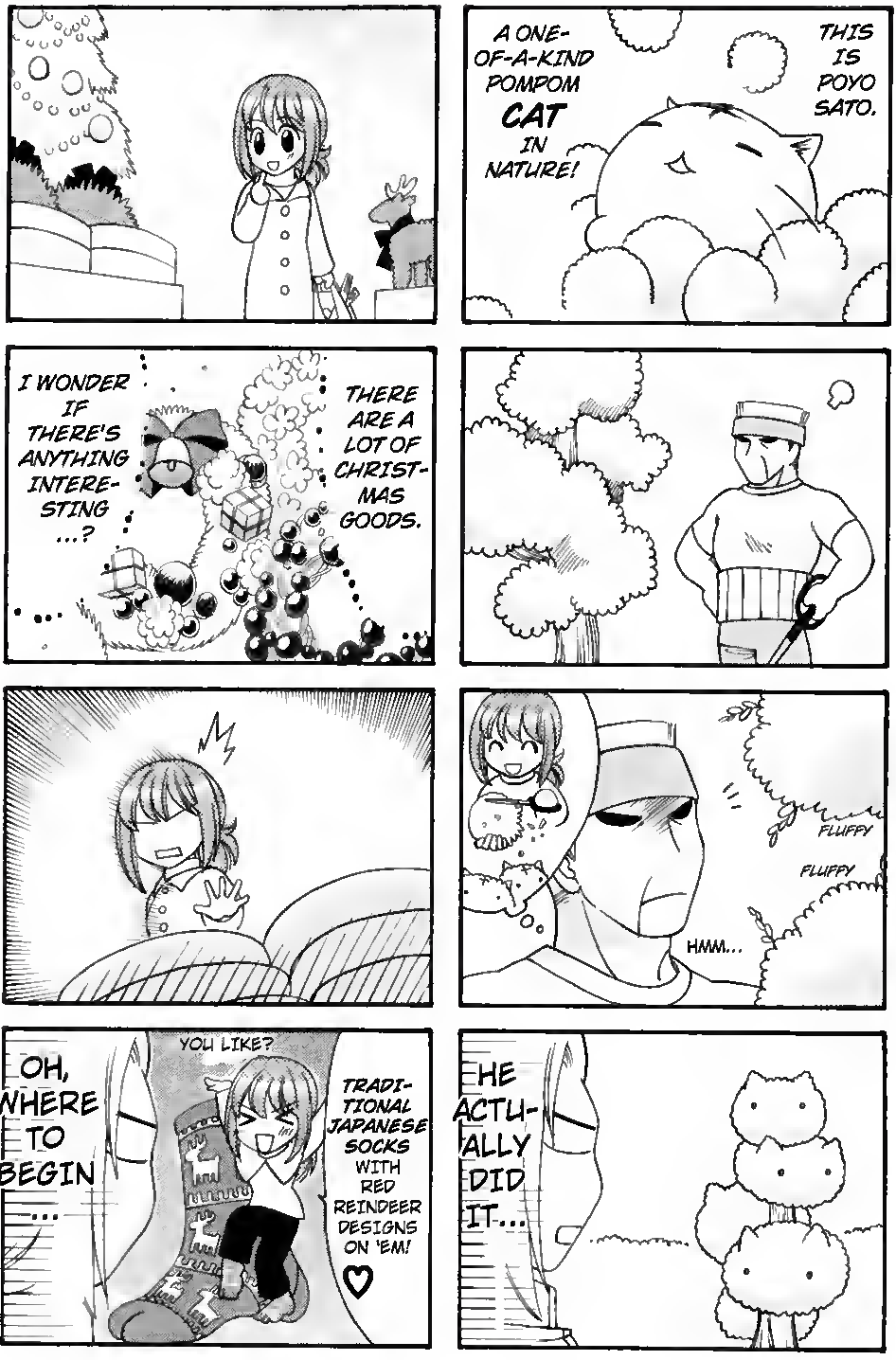
HEH HEH.
...HOW ABOUT MAKING SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

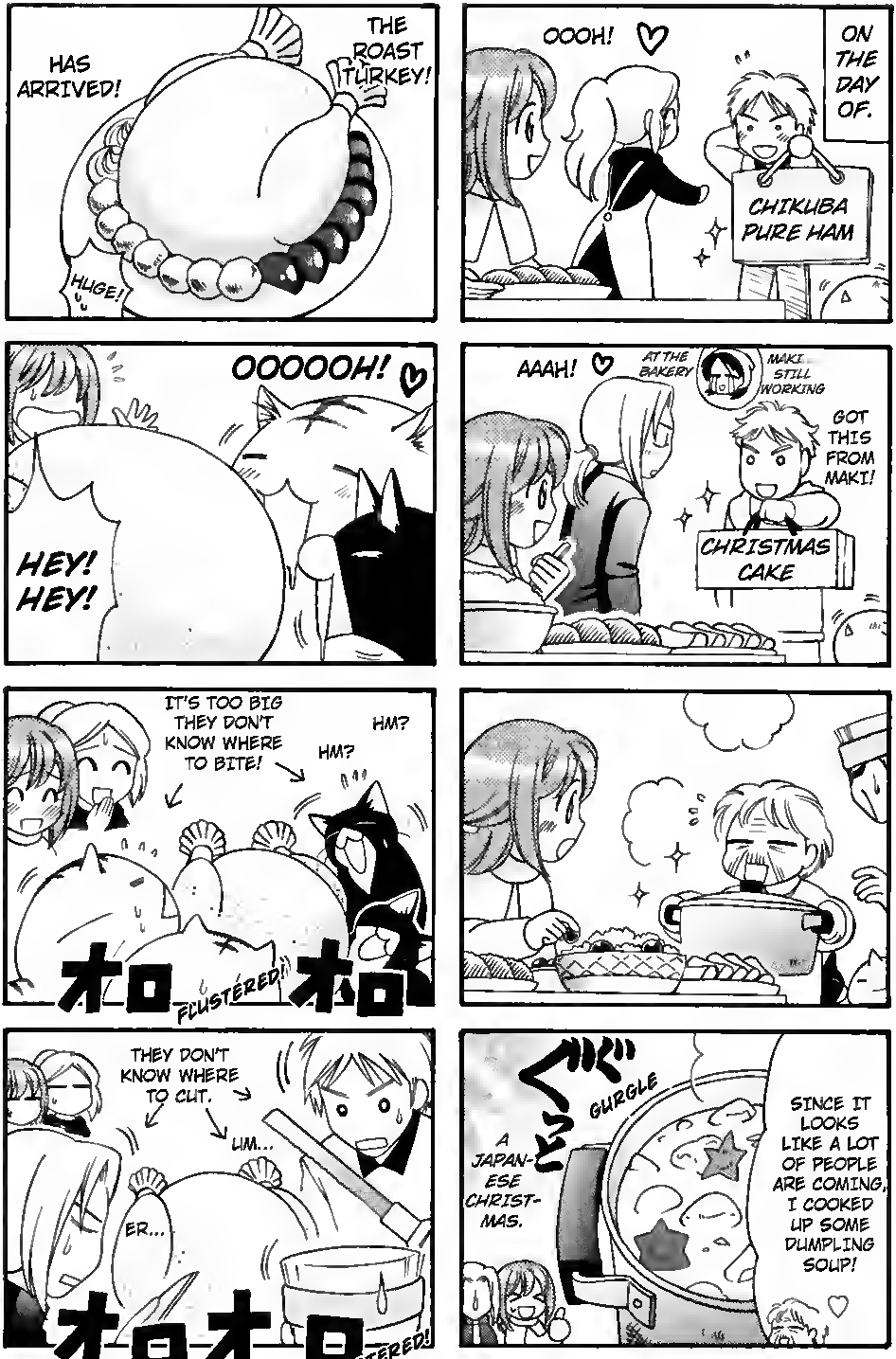

SOME ACCESSO-RIES!
FOR EXAMPLE, WITH FLUFFY FELT...

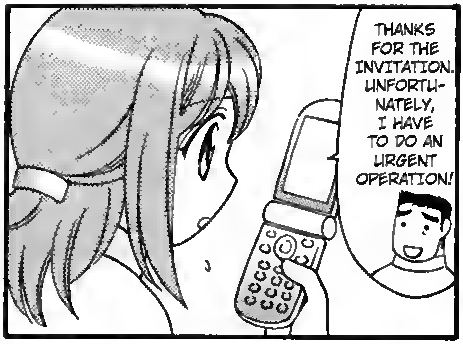

POYO LOVES BASINS... OF ALL KINDS...
POYOPOYO'S
OBSERVATION DIARY

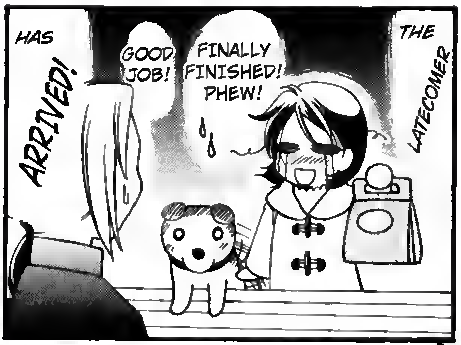

A ONE-OF-A-KIND POMPOM CAT IN NATURE!
THIS IS POYO SATO.
I WONDER IF THERE'S ANYTHING INTERESTING ...?
THERE ARE A LOT OF CHRISTMAS GOODS.
FLUFFY
FLUFFY
HMM...
OH, WHERE TO BEGIN ...
YOU LIKE?
TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SOCKS WITH RED REINDEER DESIGNS ON 'EM!
SOCKS? FOR SIS?
HE ACTUALLY DID IT...

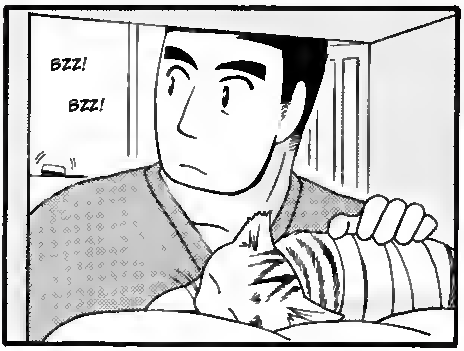
ALSO PREPARING FOR A GREAT WINTER!
THE COUPLE WHO LIVE BEHIND THE SATOS.
PREPARING FOR A GREAT WINTER!
THE SUZUKI FAMILY'S BELOVED HAMSTER.
NUTS.
ペカ
SHINE!
LONG SOCKS!
PRESENT FOR YOU!
ヒロリーン♪
THEY GAVE ME THEIR LEFTOVERS!
GO CHEW AND WRAP YOURSELF IN IT!
IT'S MADE OF WOOL, SO IT'S WARM!
HM?
"POYO" FROSTED WIN-DOWS?
NO THANK YOU TO USED HAND-ME-DOWNS!
KICK
KICK

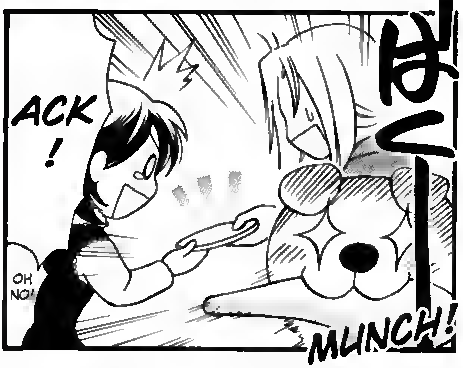
WELL, HOW 'BOUT WE INVITE OTHER PEOPLE, TOO?!
SINCE WE FARM, OUR HOUSE IS BIG!
WE CAN HAVE IT AT OUR PLACE!
THE TWO GIRLS...
HAVE A SECRET MISSION.
PSST!
PSST!
GRAB!
I'LL START DECORA-
HUH?
THIS YEAR, CAN WE HAVE CHRISTMAS WITH THE NEIGHBORS BEHIND US?
SHAKE
SHAKE
NO, POYO! NO!
WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN?
SURE, BUT...
WOW! WHAT A DANCE!
GET OUT OF THE WAY!
A TURKEY!
I'D LIKE TO BAKE...
2-PERSON HOUSEHOLD
3-PERSON HOUSEHOLD

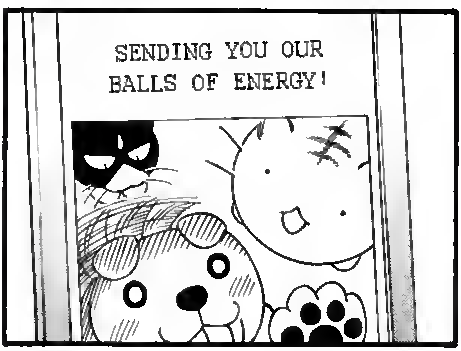

THE ROAST TURKEY!
HAS ARRIVED!
HUGE!
OOOH!
ON THE DAY OF.
CHIKUBA PURE HAM
OOOOOH!
HEY! HEY!
AAAH!
AT THE BAKERY
MAKI STILL WORKING
GOT THIS FROM MAKI!
CHRISTMAS CAKE
IT'S TOO BIG THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE TO BITE!
HM?
HM?
オロ FLUSTERED! オロ
THEY DON'T KNOW WHERE TO CUT.
UM...
ER...
オロオロ FLUSTERED!
ぐつぐつ GURGLE
A JAPANESE CHRISTMAS.
SINCE IT LOOKS LIKE A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE COMING, I COOKED UP SOME DUMPLING SOUP!

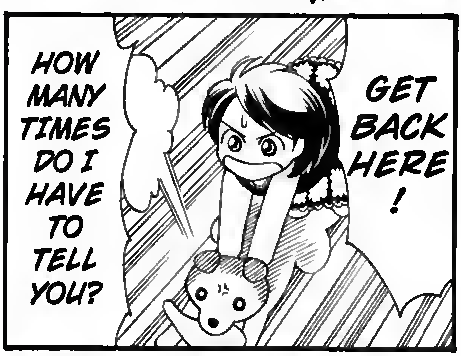

THANKS FOR THE INVITATION. UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVE TO DO AN URGENT OPERATION!

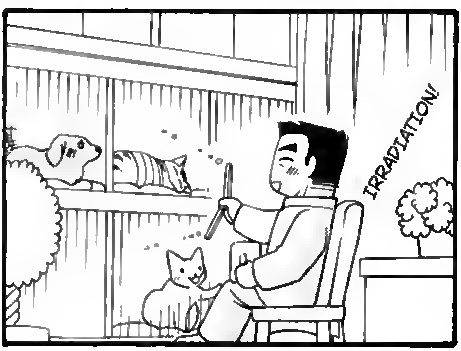

HAS ARRIVED!
GOOD JOB!
FINALLY FINISHED! PHEW!
THE LATECOMER


BZZ!
BZZ!

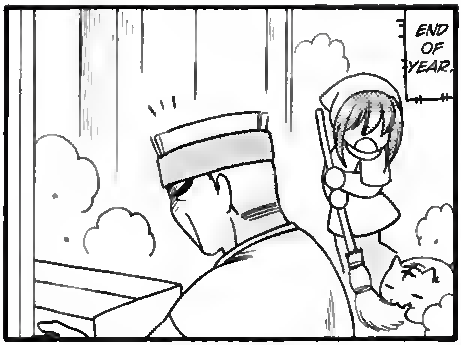

ACK!
OH NO!
MUNCH!


SENDING YOU OUR BALLS OF ENERGY!


HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?
GET BACK HERE!


IRRADIATION!

GAAAAAHHH!
WHAT A RELIABLE OWNER.
CHICKEN BONES WILL CUT YOUR STOMACH!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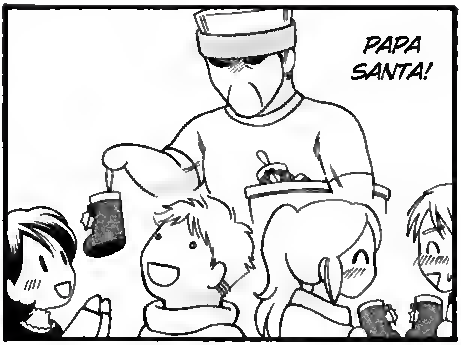
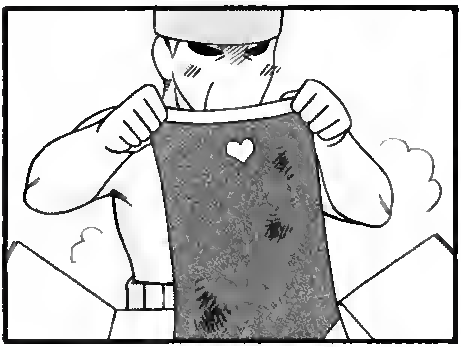
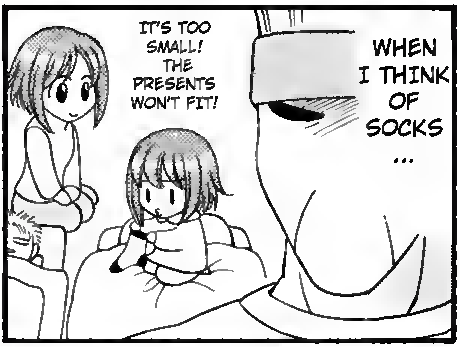
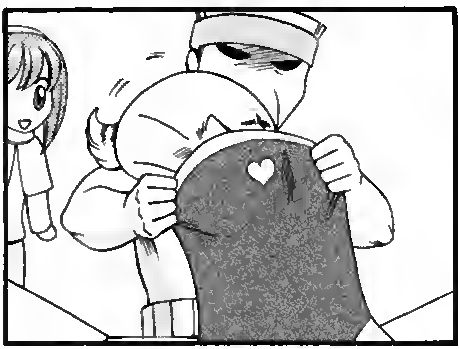
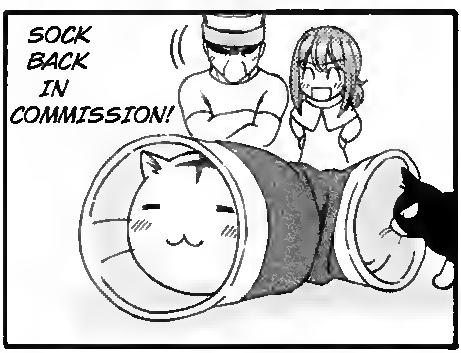

PAPA SANTA!




IT'S TOO SMALL! THE PRESENTS WON'T FIT!
WHEN I THINK OF SOCKS ...




SOCK BACK IN COMMISSION!

THE IDEA DIDN'T WORK, BUT A GOOD MEMORY, STILL...
THE NEXT DAY.

PURR!
POYO'S GETTING ALL FLAT, ISN'T HE?
PURRRRRR!
HE'LL INFLATE AGAIN...
MORE!
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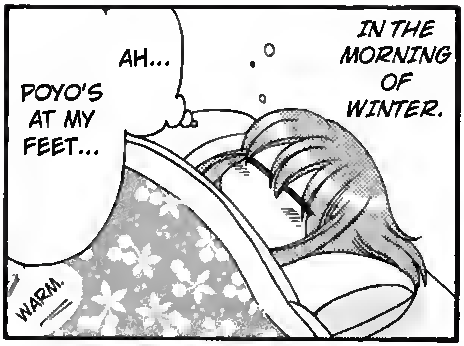
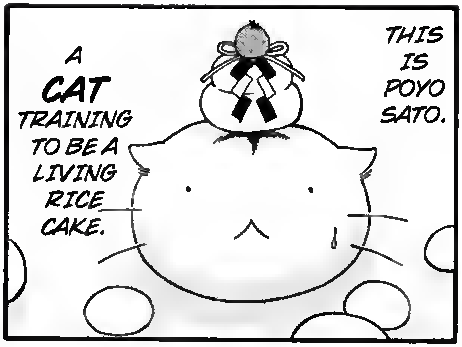
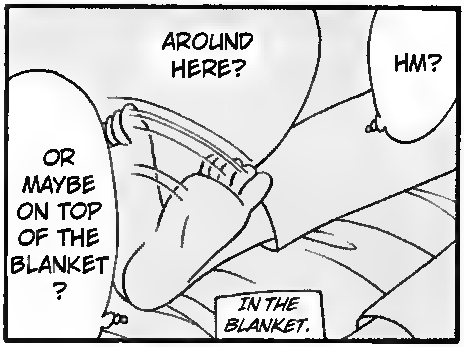
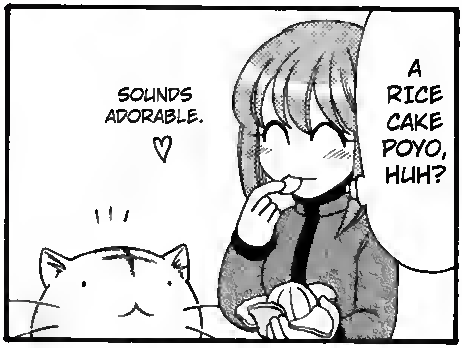
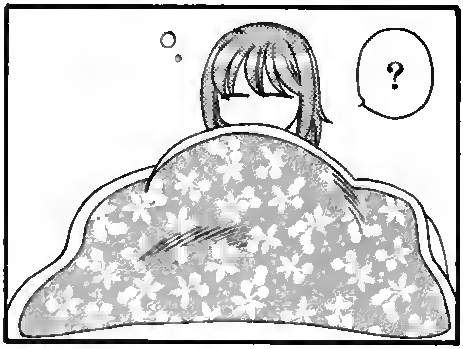
POYOPOYO's
OBSERVATION DIARY

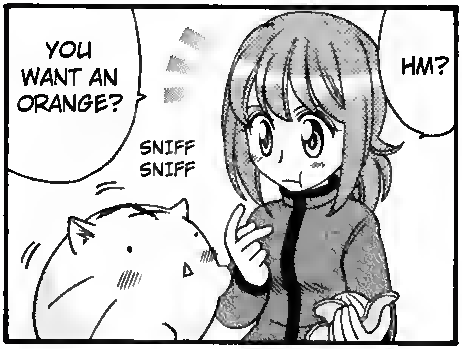


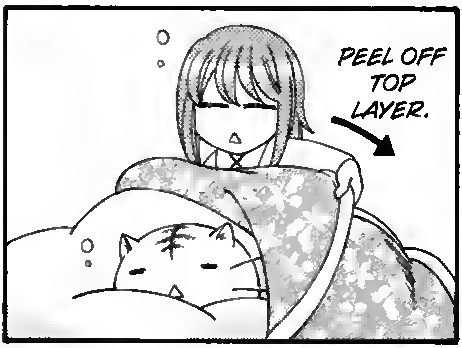


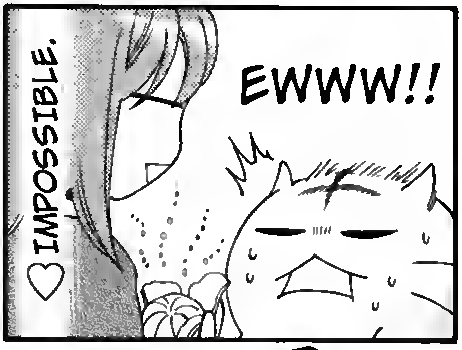












CATS HATE CITRUS FRUITS.

FARMER FAMILIES ARE EARLY RISERS BY DEFAULT!
HIDE RUSHES INTO HIS WINTER BREAK!
OH?
HE DOES THAT BECAUSE HIS NOSE IS COLD IN THE WINTER!
C'MON! HOW MESSY!
UGH! YOU DIDN'T CLEAN YOUR BEDDING!
SO ROUND CATS DO THAT, TOO!
AW...

HOUSE CLEANING FINALLY FINISHED!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
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CREAK
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SKUFF!
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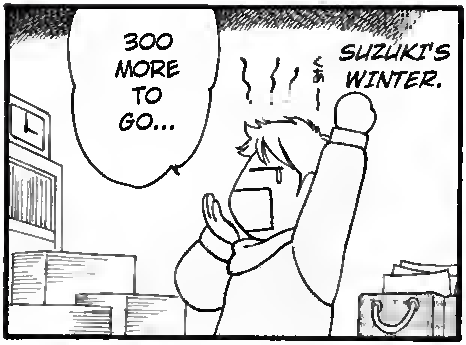
THUD!
I HAVE TO CLEAN AGAIN!
NOW GO OFF!


300 MORE TO GO...
SUZUKI'S WINTER.
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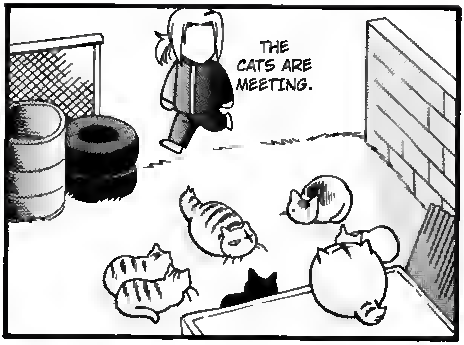
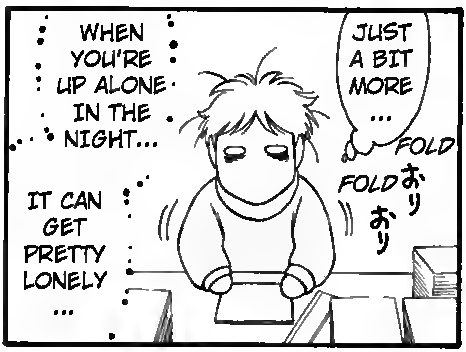

THE CAT'S ARE MEETING.


WHEN YOU'RE UP ALONE IN THE NIGHT...
IT CAN GET PRETTY LONELY ...
JUST A BIT MORE ...
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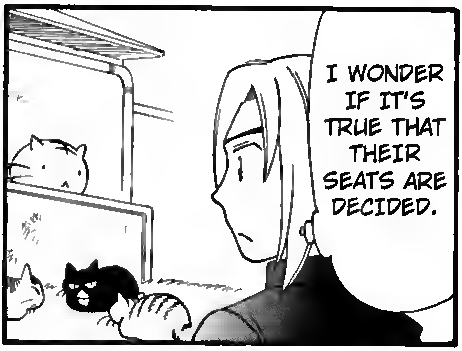
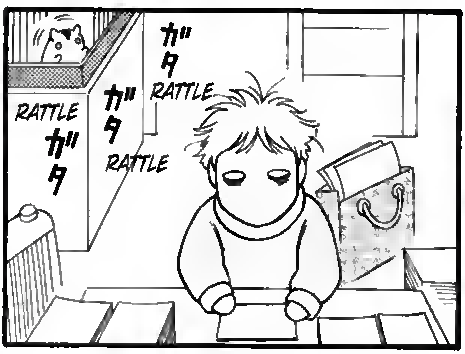

I WONDER IF IT'S TRUE THAT THEIR SEATS ARE DECIDED.


RATTLE
RATTLE
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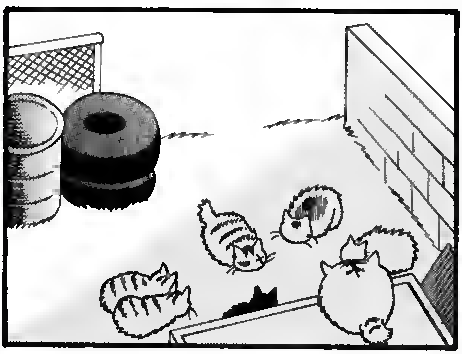
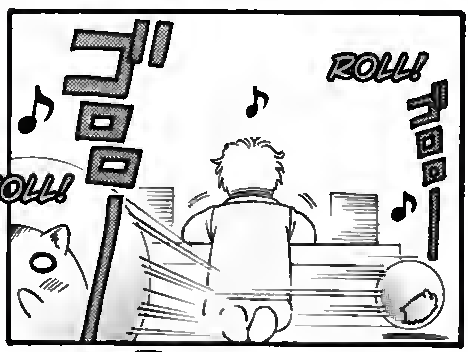
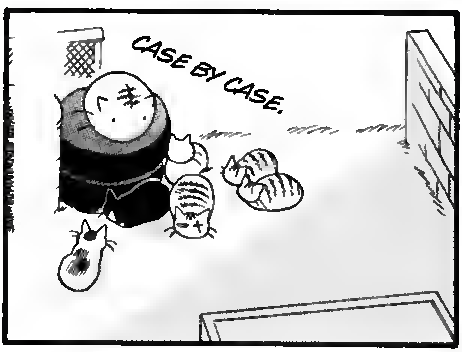
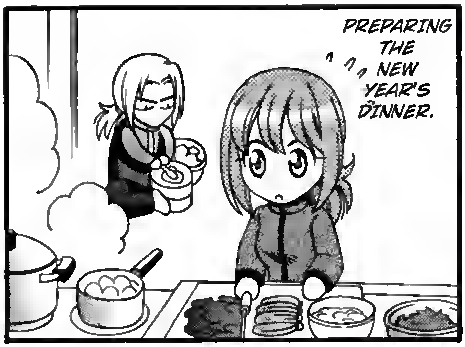
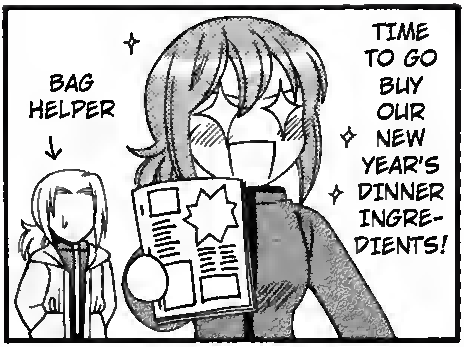
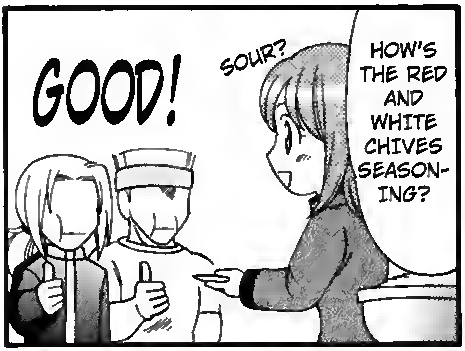


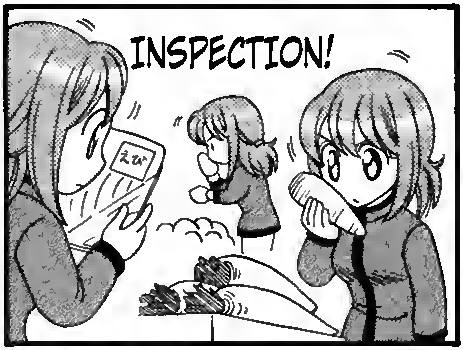

ROLL!
ROLL!

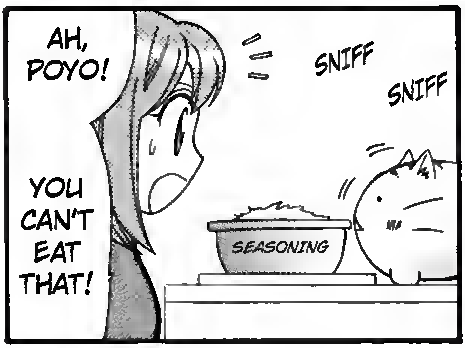

CASE BY CASE.

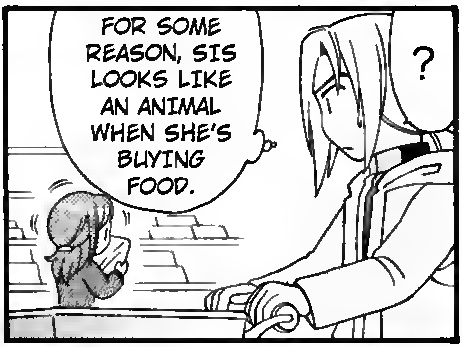

PREPARING THE NEW YEAR'S DINNER.


BAG HELPER
TIME TO GO BUY OUR NEW YEAR'S DINNER INGREDIENTS!


GOOD!
SOUR?
HOW'S THE RED AND WHITE CHIVES SEASONING?


INSPECTION!


AH, POYO!
SNIFF
SNIFF
YOU CAN'T EAT THAT!
SEASONING


FOR SOME REASON, SIS LOOKS LIKE AN ANIMAL WHEN SHE'S BUYING FOOD.
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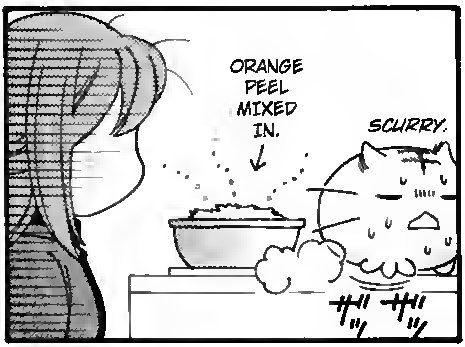
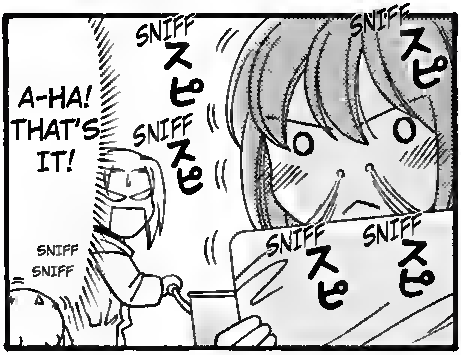

ORANGE PEEL MIXED IN.
SCURRY.


A-HA! THAT'S IT!
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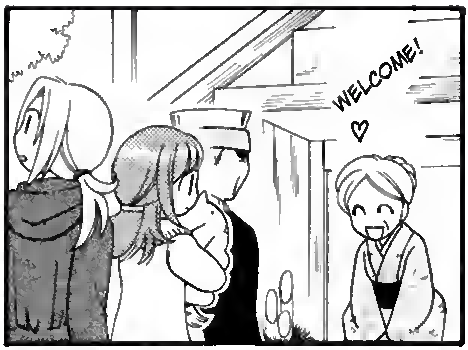
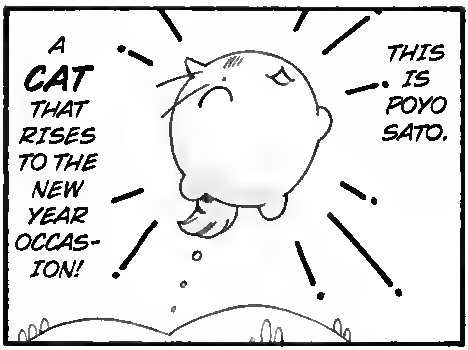
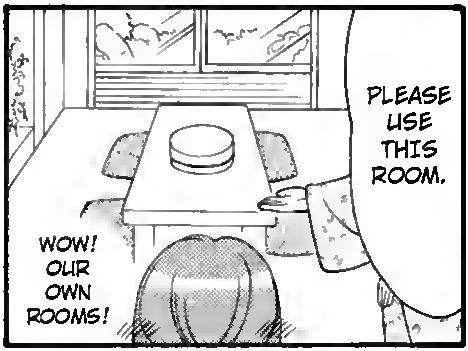
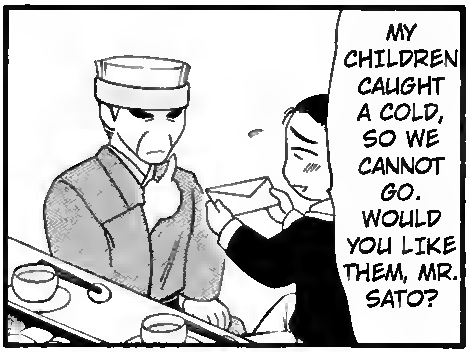
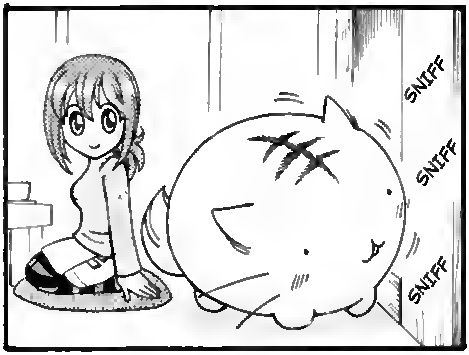
ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE YEAR.
OOOOH!
BRR! IT'S COLD!
IT'S NOT JUST THE LAKE! THE WIND'S BLOWING REALLY HARD, TOO!
ARE YOU OKAY? SHOULD WE HEAD BACK TO THE CAR?
I'M STILL GOOD! I'M REALLY BUNDLED UP!
AW! CONGRATS ON THE PREGNANCY!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY


WELCOME!


A CAT THAT RISES TO THE NEW YEAR OCCASION!
THIS IS POYO SATO.


PLEASE USE THIS ROOM.
WOW! OUR OWN ROOMS!


MY CHILDREN CAUGHT A COLD, SO WE CANNOT GO. WOULD YOU LIKE THEM, MR. SATO?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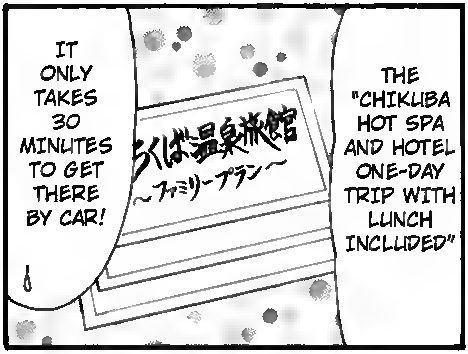
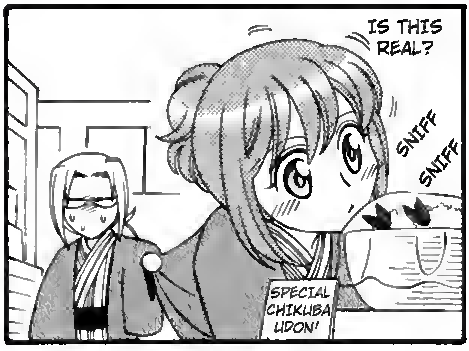

IT ONLY TAKES 30 MINUTES TO GET THERE BY CAR!
ちくば温泉旅館
～ファミリープラン～
THE "CHIKUBA HOT SPA AND HOTEL ONE-DAY TRIP WITH LUNCH INCLUDED"


IS THIS REAL?
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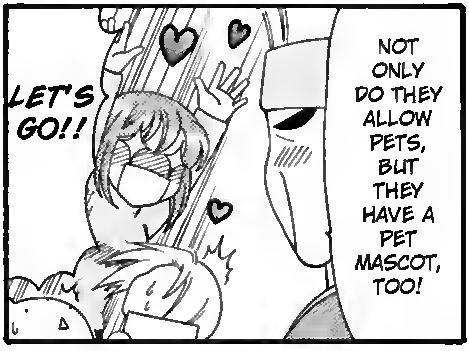
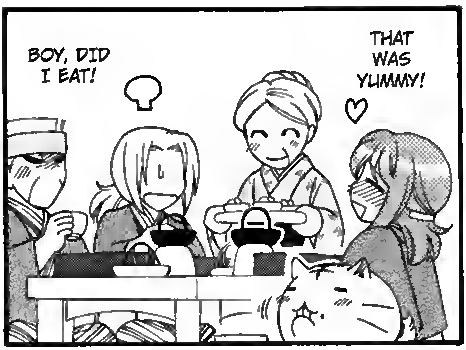
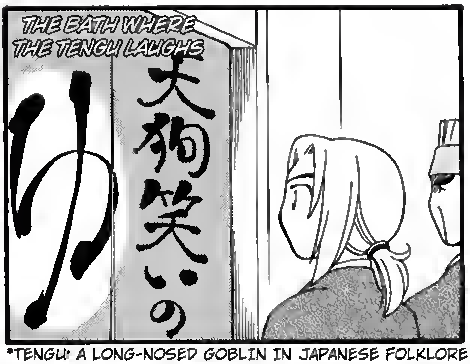
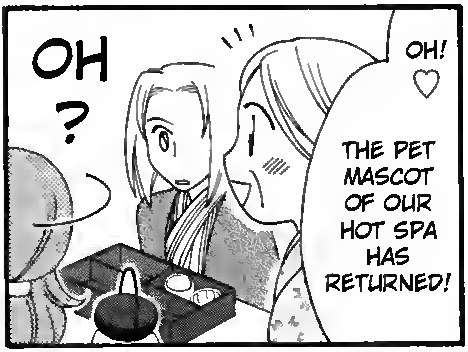
SPECIAL CHIKUBA UDON!

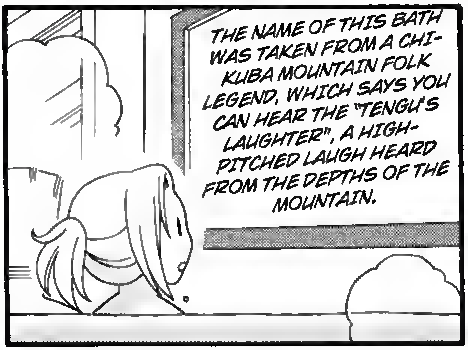

LET'S GO!!
NOT ONLY DO THEY ALLOW PETS, BUT THEY HAVE A PET MASCOT, TOO!

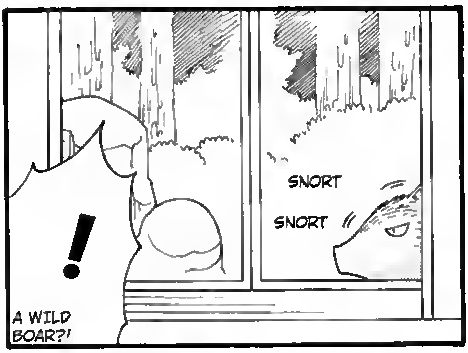


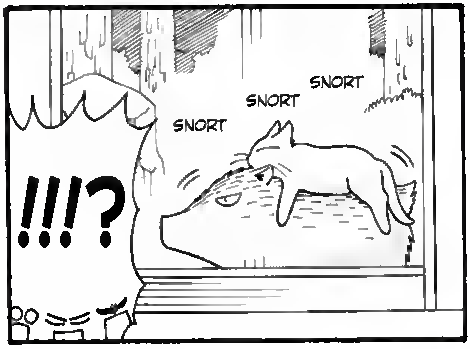


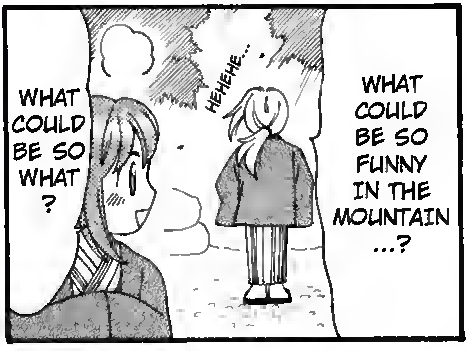
*TENGU: A LONG-NOSED GOBLIN IN JAPANESE FOLKLORE

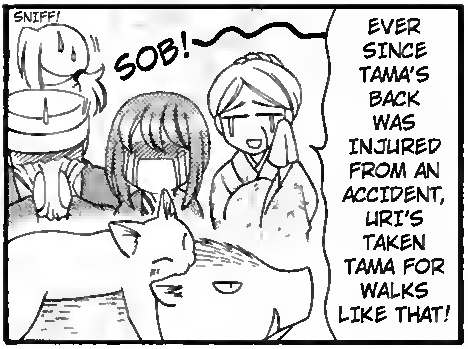


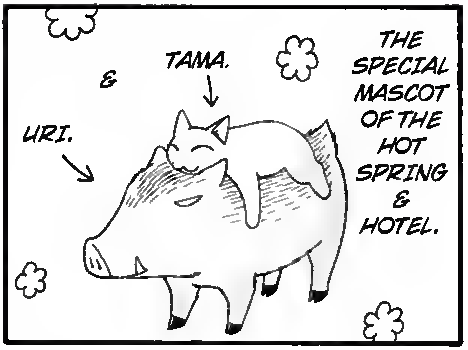

THE NAME OF THIS BATH WAS TAKEN FROM A CHIKUBA MOUNTAIN FOLK LEGEND, WHICH SAYS YOU CAN HEAR THE "TENGU'S LAUGHTER", A HIGH-PITCHED LAUGH HEARD FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE MOUNTAIN.

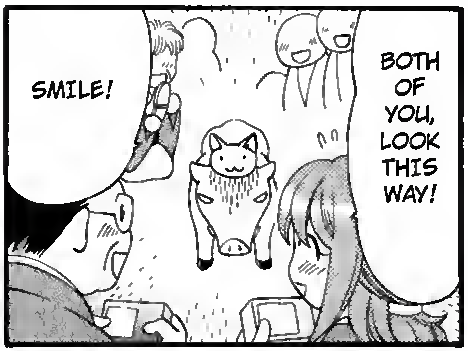


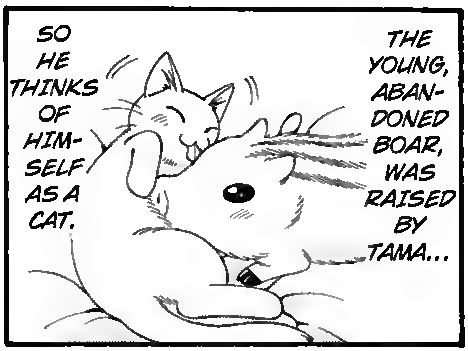


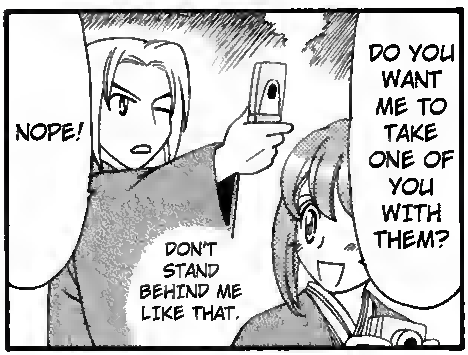


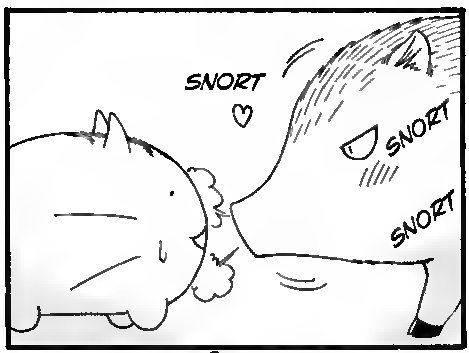

SNIFF!
SOB!
EVER SINCE TAMA'S BACK WAS INJURED FROM AN ACCIDENT, URI'S TAKEN TAMA FOR WALKS LIKE THAT!


TAMA.
&
URI.
THE SPECIAL MASCOT OF THE HOT SPRING & HOTEL.


SMILE!
BOTH OF YOU, LOOK THIS WAY!


SO HE THINKS OF HIMSELF AS A CAT.
THE YOUNG, ABANDONED BOAR, WAS RAISED BY TAMA...


NOPE!
DON'T STAND BEHIND ME LIKE THAT.
DO YOU WANT ME TO TAKE ONE OF YOU WITH THEM?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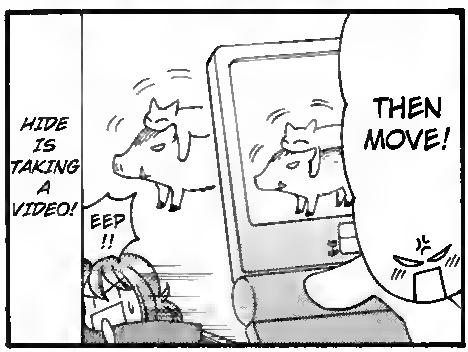
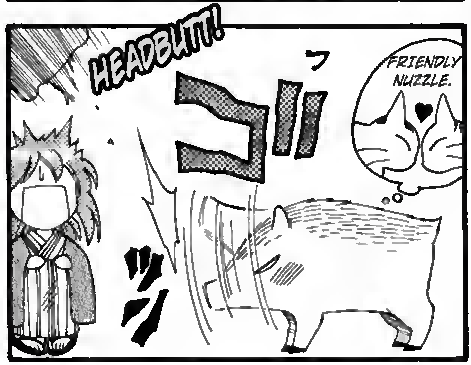
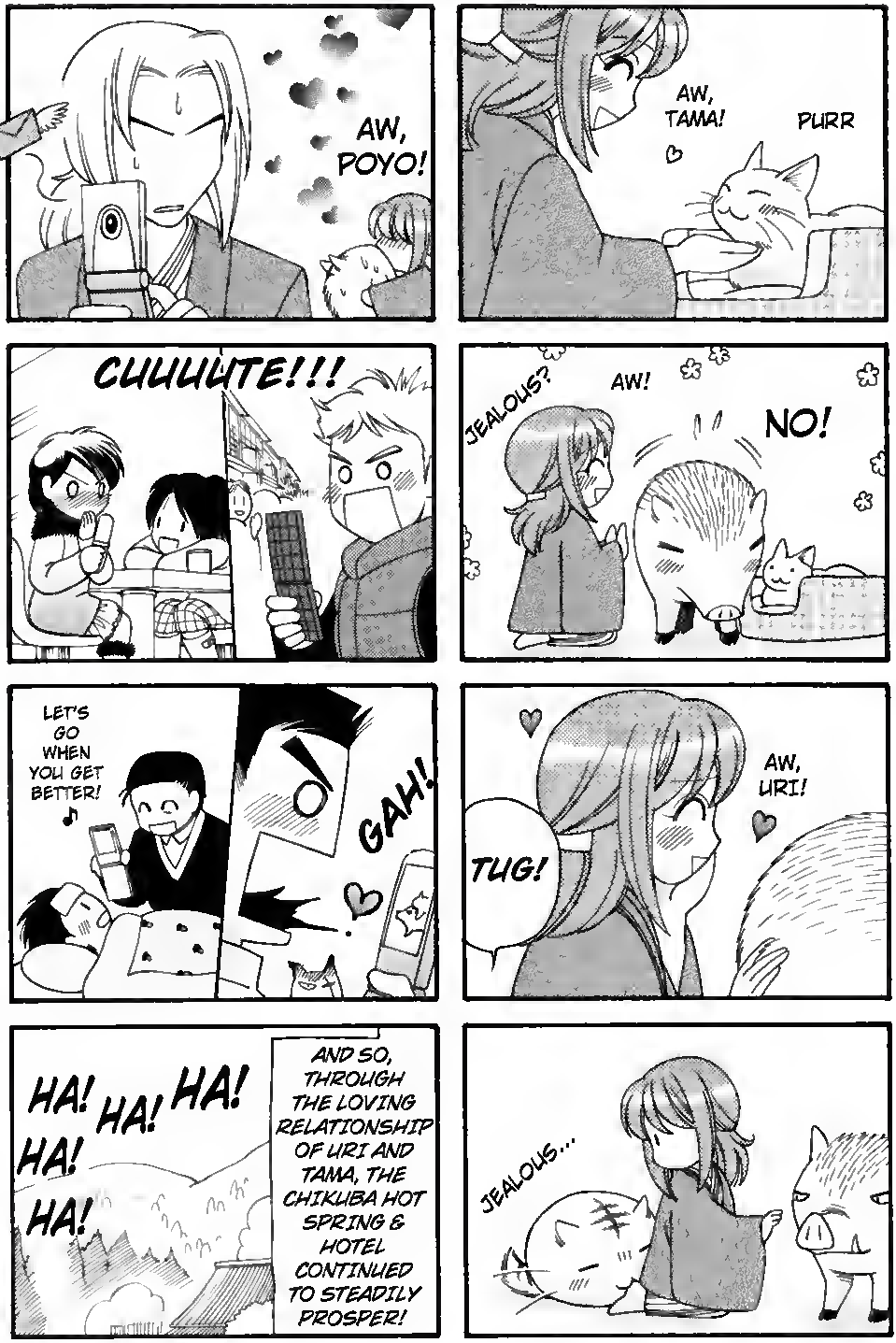
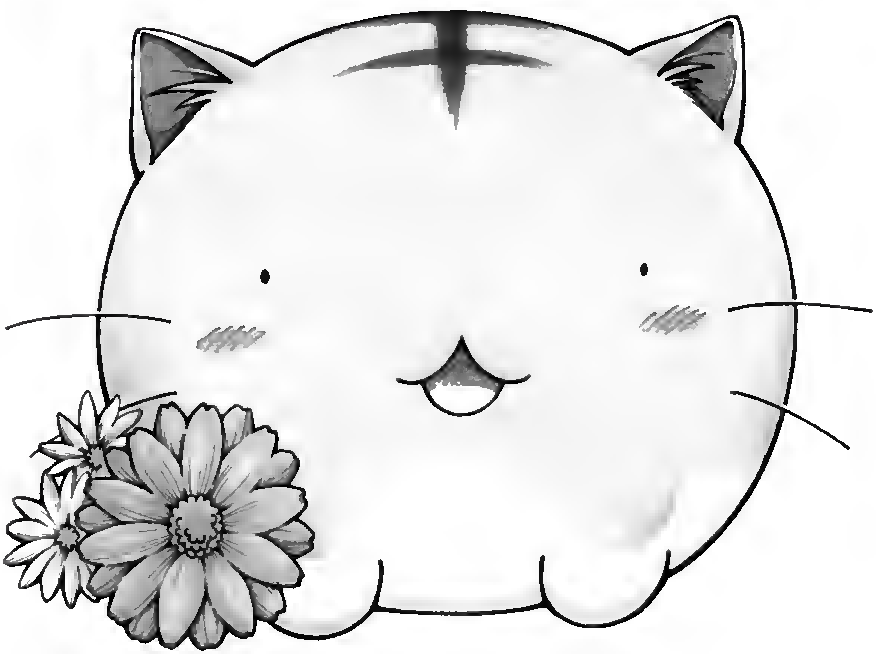
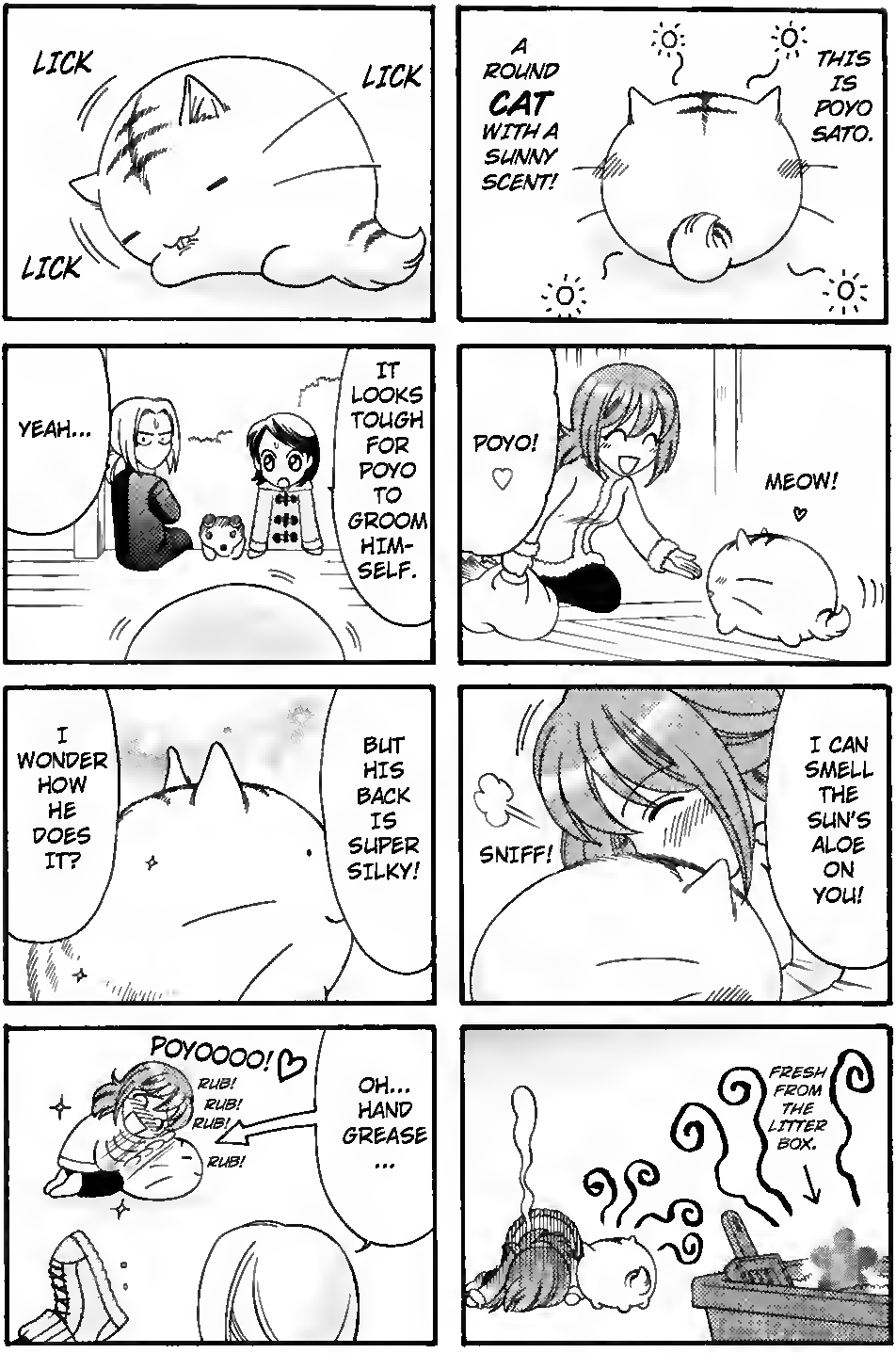

HIDE IS TAKING A VIDEO!
EEP !!
THEN MOVE!


HEADBUTT!
FRIENDLY NUZZLE.

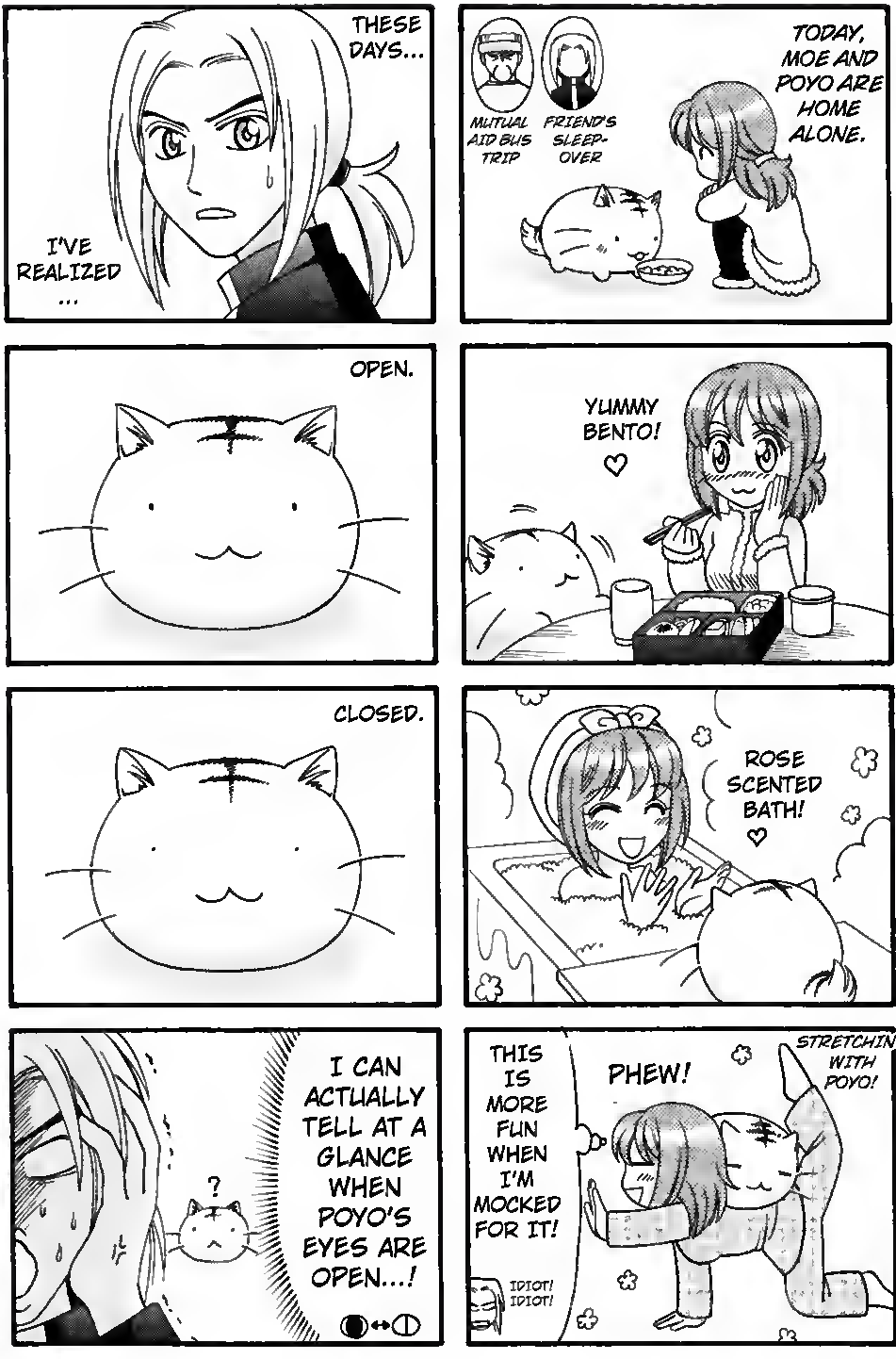

AW, POYO!
AW, TAMA!
PURR
CHUUUUTE!!!
JEALOUS?
AW!
NO!
LET'S GO WHEN YOU GET BETTER!
GAH!
AW, URI!
TUG!
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!
AND SO, THROUGH THE LOVING RELATIONSHIP OF URI AND TAMA, THE CHIKUBA HOT SPRING & HOTEL CONTINUED TO STEADILY PROSPER!
JEALOUS...

POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

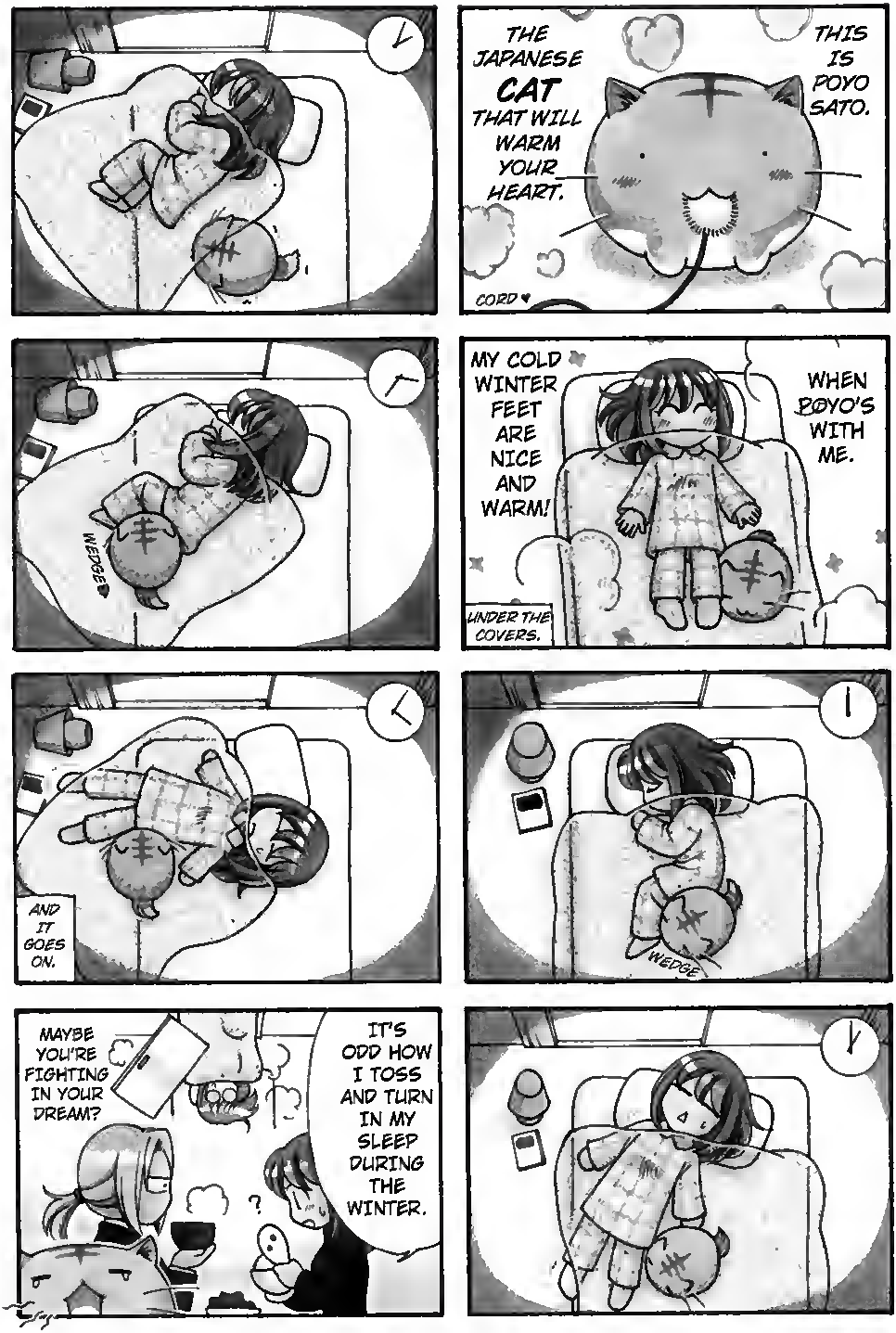



LICK
LICK
LICK
A ROUND CAT WITH A SUNNY SCENT!
THIS IS POYO SATO.
YEAH...
IT LOOKS TOUGH FOR POYO TO GROOM HIM-SELF.
POYO!
MEOW!
I WONDER HOW HE DOES IT?
BUT HIS BACK IS SUPER SILKY!
SNIFF!
I CAN SMELL THE SUN'S ALOE ON YOU!
POYOOOO!
RUB!
RUB!
RUB!
RUB!
OH... HAND GREASE ...
FRESH FROM THE LITTER BOX.

THE CAT TUNNEL THAT MOE MADE FOR POYO.
WHEN A CAT TILTS HIS HEAD!
IT'S SO CUTE
RELAX.
FULL ROTATION!
WHOA! THAT'S LONG!
RELAX.
RELAX.
17-YEAR-OLD HIDE, CRITIZING THE LOGIC OF HIS OWN DREAM.
ONLY OWLS DO THAT!!


THESE DAYS...
I'VE REALIZED ...
MUTUAL AID BUS TRIP
FRIEND'S SLEEP-OVER
TODAY, MOE AND POYO ARE HOME ALONE.
OPEN.
YUMMY BENTO!
CLOSED.
ROSE SCENTED BATH!
?
I CAN ACTUALLY TELL AT A GLANCE WHEN POYO'S EYES ARE OPEN...!
THIS IS MORE FUN WHEN I'M MOCKED FOR IT!
IDIOT! IDIOT!
PHEW!
STRETCHING WITH POYO!

WARM
WARM
SIGH!
NICE AND WARM!
WARM
WARM
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY
...CAN SHE BREATHE?


THE JAPANESE CAT THAT WILL WARM YOUR HEART.
THIS IS POYO SATO.
CORD ♥
WEDGE ♥
MY COLD WINTER FEET ARE NICE AND WARM!
WHEN POYO'S WITH ME.
UNDER THE COVERS.
AND IT GOES ON.
WEDGE
MAYBE YOU'RE FIGHTING IN YOUR DREAM?
IT'S ODD HOW I TOSS AND TURN IN MY SLEEP DURING THE WINTER.
?

I WANT TO DRINK WATER!
EVEN THROUGH THE COLD MORNING, HE WORKS IN THE FIELD.
PAPA, THE FARMER ...
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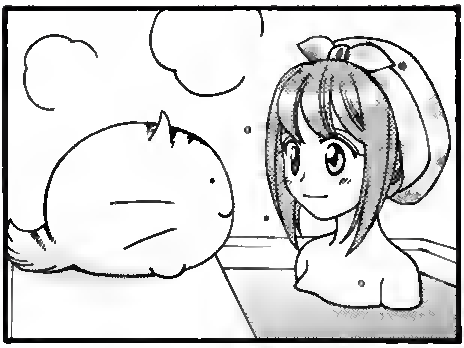
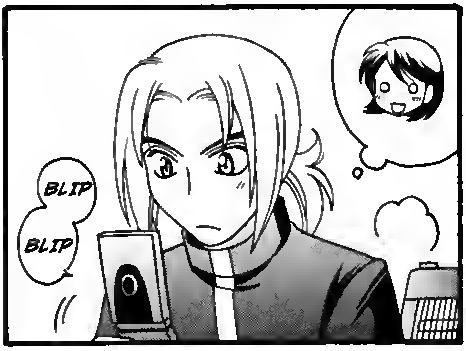
PLIP!
IN THE AFTER-NOON, HE FINALLY GETS TO NAP.
LICK
LICK
LICK
JUST A LITTLE LONGER! IT'S ALL JUST SO CUTE!
HURRY UP AND GET ME ANOTHER GLASS OF WATER!
LICK
LICK
HE'S RIGHT HERE!
PURR!
PAPA, IS POYO HERE?
HAPPI!

THE SEASON WHERE EVERYONE WANTS TO STAY WARM.
WINTER

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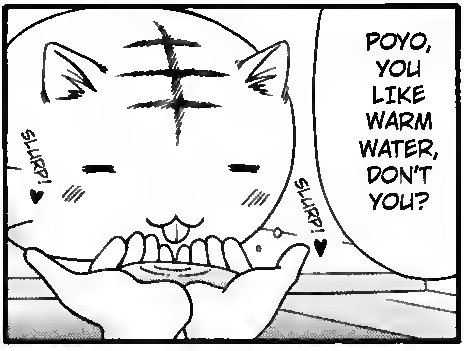
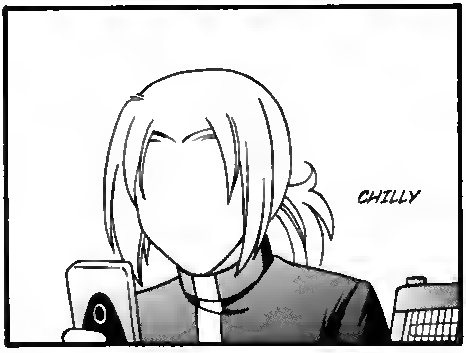
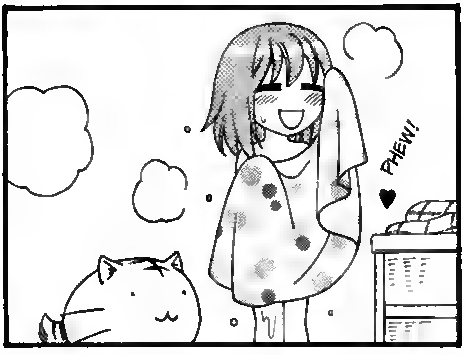
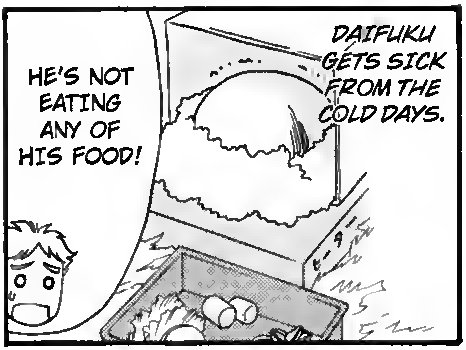
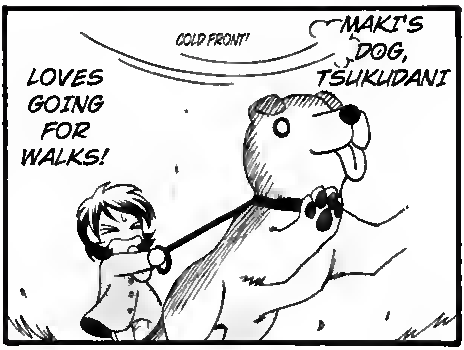

POYO, YOU LIKE WARM WATER, DON'T YOU?
SLURP!
SLURP!

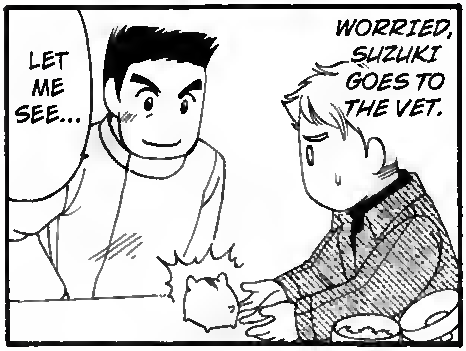

CHILLY

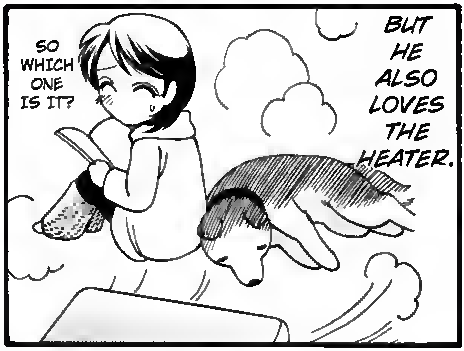

PHEW!

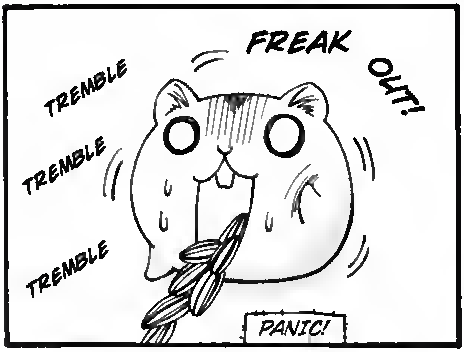
EEP?!
LICK
LICK

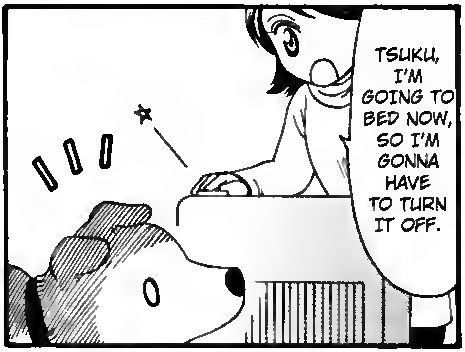

HE'S NOT EATING ANY OF HIS FOOD!
DAIFUKU GETS SICK FROM THE COLD DAYS.

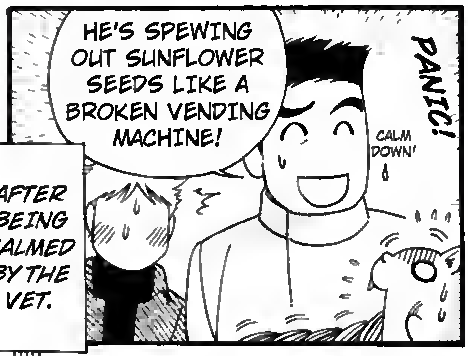

COLD FRONT!
MAKI'S DOG, TSUKUDANI
LOVES GOING FOR WALKS!

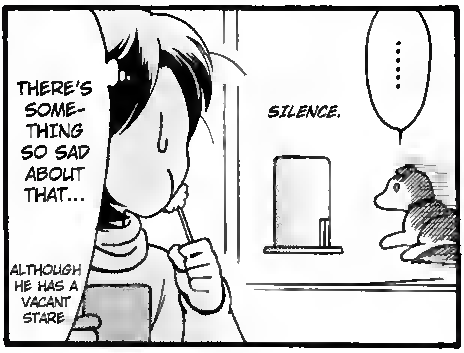

LET ME SEE...
WORRIED, SUZUKI GOES TO THE VET.


SO WHICH ONE IS IT?
BUT HE ALSO LOVES THE HEATER.


FREAK OUT!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
PANIC!


TSUKU, I'M GOING TO BED NOW, SO I'M GONNA HAVE TO TURN IT OFF.


HE'S SPEWING OUT SUNFLOWER SEEDS LIKE A BROKEN VENDING MACHINE!
PANIC!
CALM DOWN!


THERE'S SOMETHING SO SAD ABOUT THAT...
ALTHOUGH HE HAS A VACANT STARE
SILENCE.
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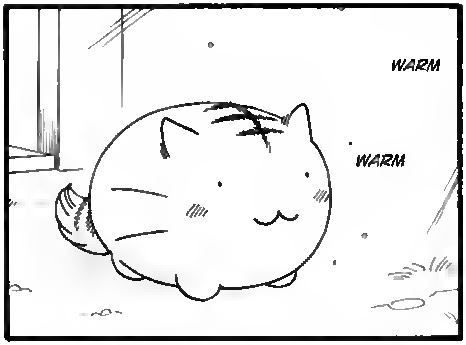
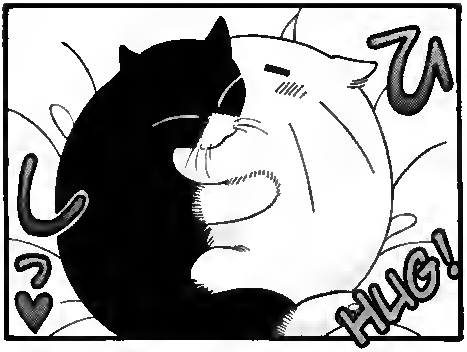
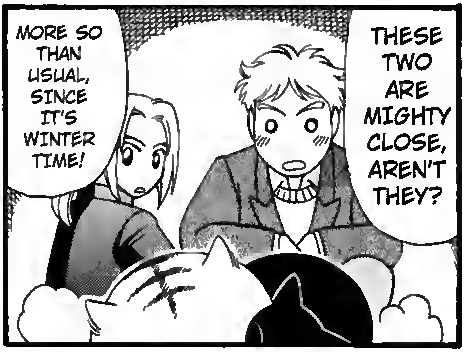
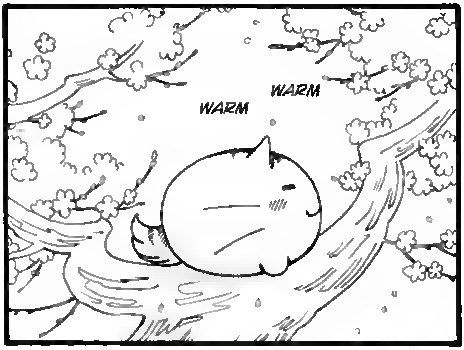
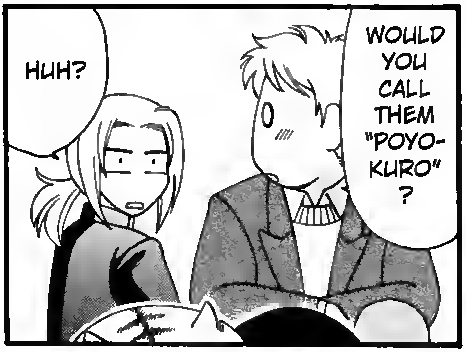
AFTER BEING CALMED BY THE VET.
DIAGNOSIS: HE JUST HIBERNATED, SO KEEP HIM ♥ WARM!

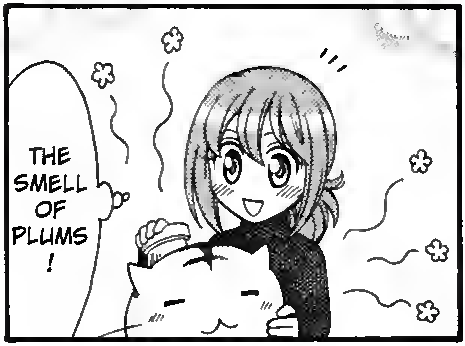


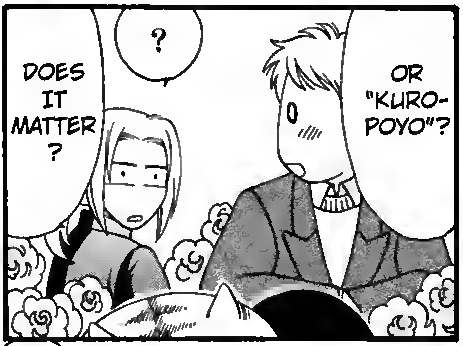




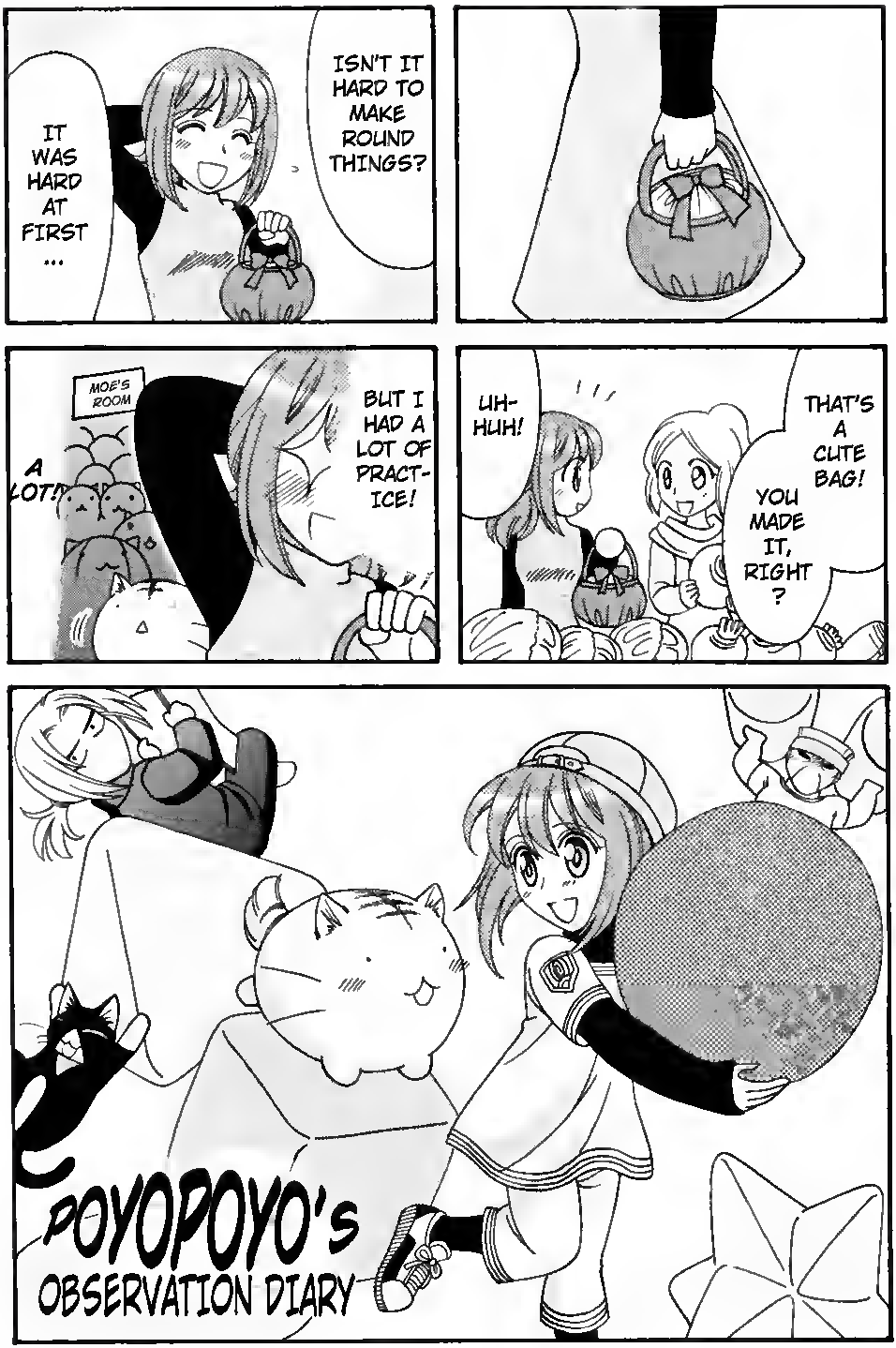


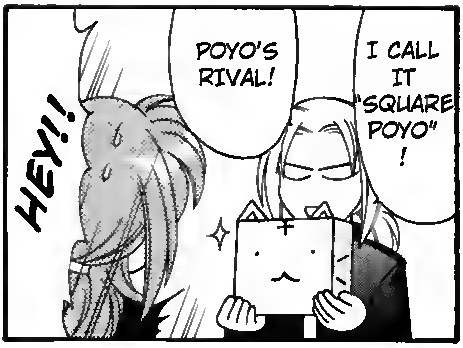


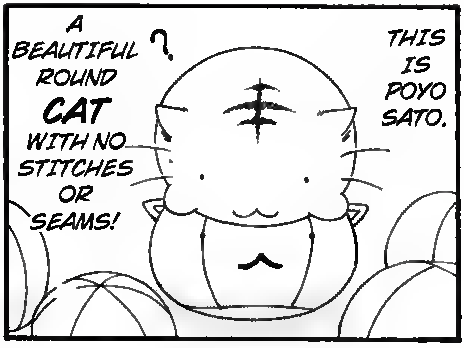


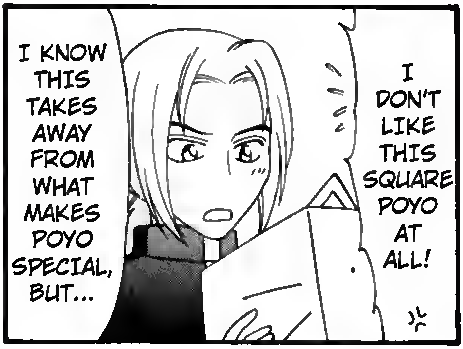


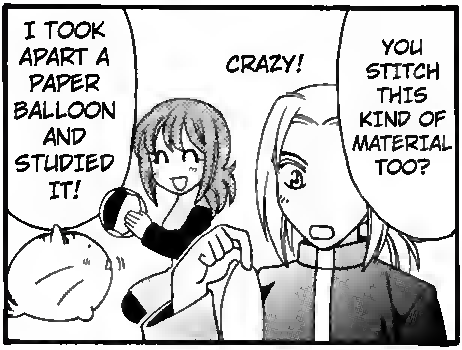
SO IT'S REVERSIBLE!

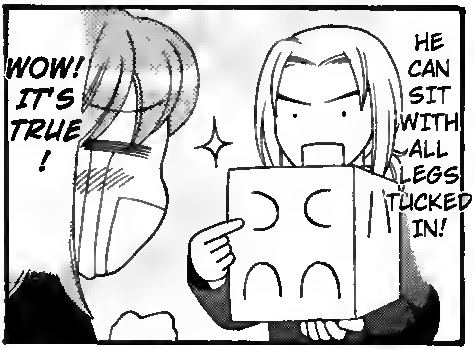

ISN'T IT HARD TO MAKE ROUND THINGS?
IT WAS HARD AT FIRST ...
BUT I HAD A LOT OF PRACT-ICE!
MOE'S ROOM
A LOT!
THAT'S A CUTE BAG!
YOU MADE IT, RIGHT ?
UH-HUH!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

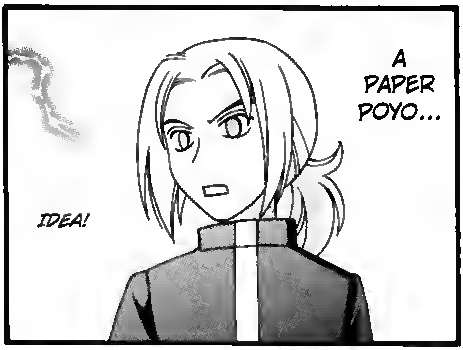

HEY!!
POYO'S RIVAL!
I CALL IT "SQUARE POYO"!

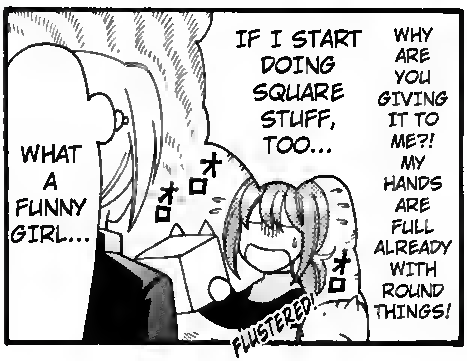

A BEAUTIFUL ROUND CAT WITH NO STITCHES OR SEAMS!
THIS IS POYO SATO.

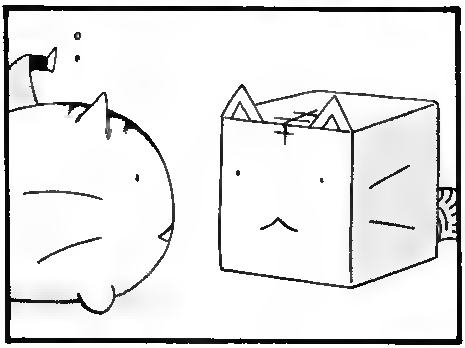

I KNOW THIS TAKES AWAY FROM WHAT MAKES POYO SPECIAL, BUT...
I DON'T LIKE THIS SQUARE POYO AT ALL!

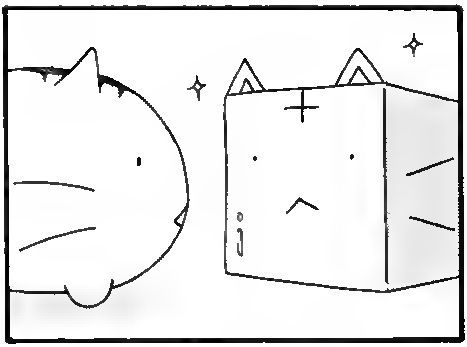

I TOOK APART A PAPER BALLOON AND STUDIED IT!
CRAZY!
YOU STITCH THIS KIND OF MATERIAL TOO?

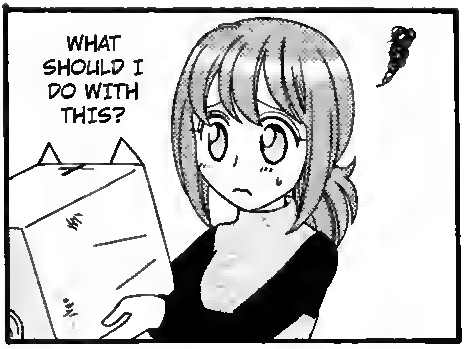

WOW! IT'S TRUE!
HE CAN SIT WITH ALL LEGS TUCKED IN!

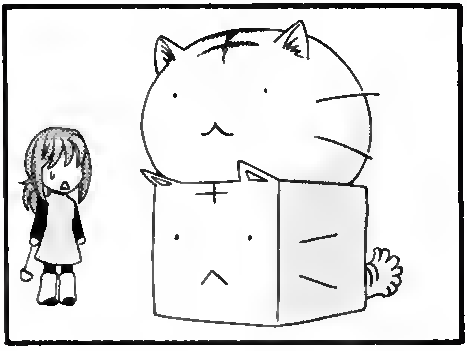

A PAPER POYO...
IDEA!

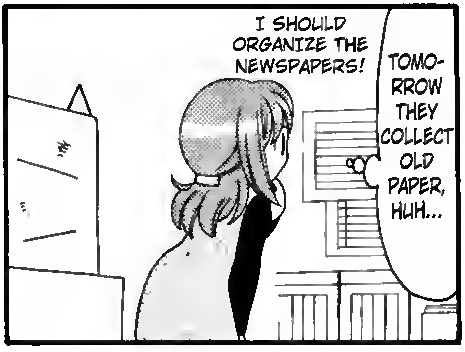

WHAT A FUNNY GIRL...
IF I START DOING SQUARE STUFF, TOO...
WHY ARE YOU GIVING IT TO ME?! MY HANDS ARE FULL ALREADY WITH ROUND THINGS!
FLUSTERED!

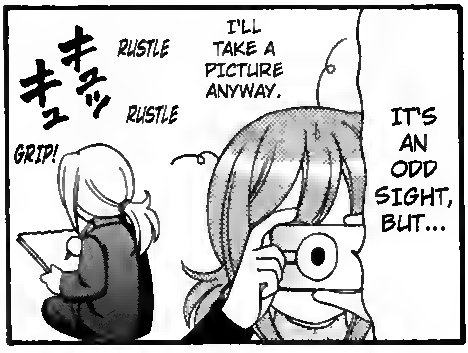


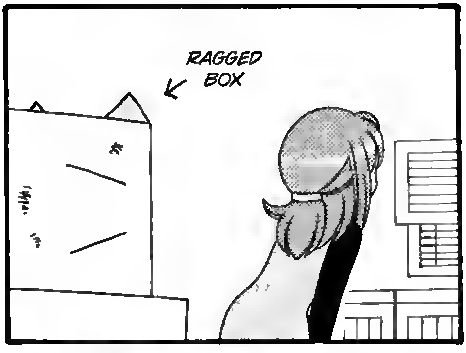


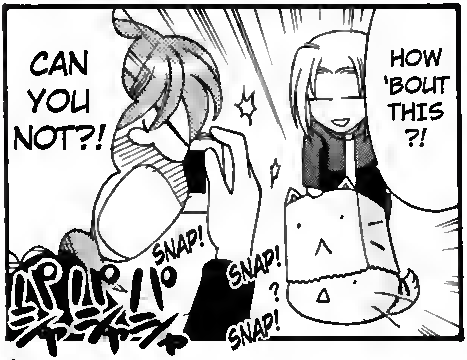

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS?

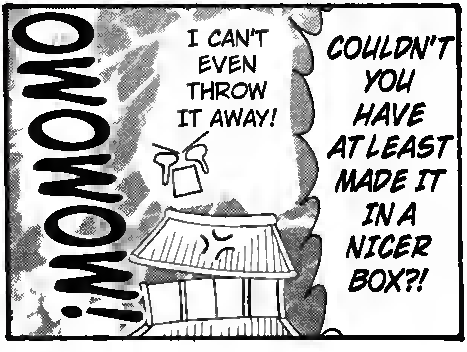


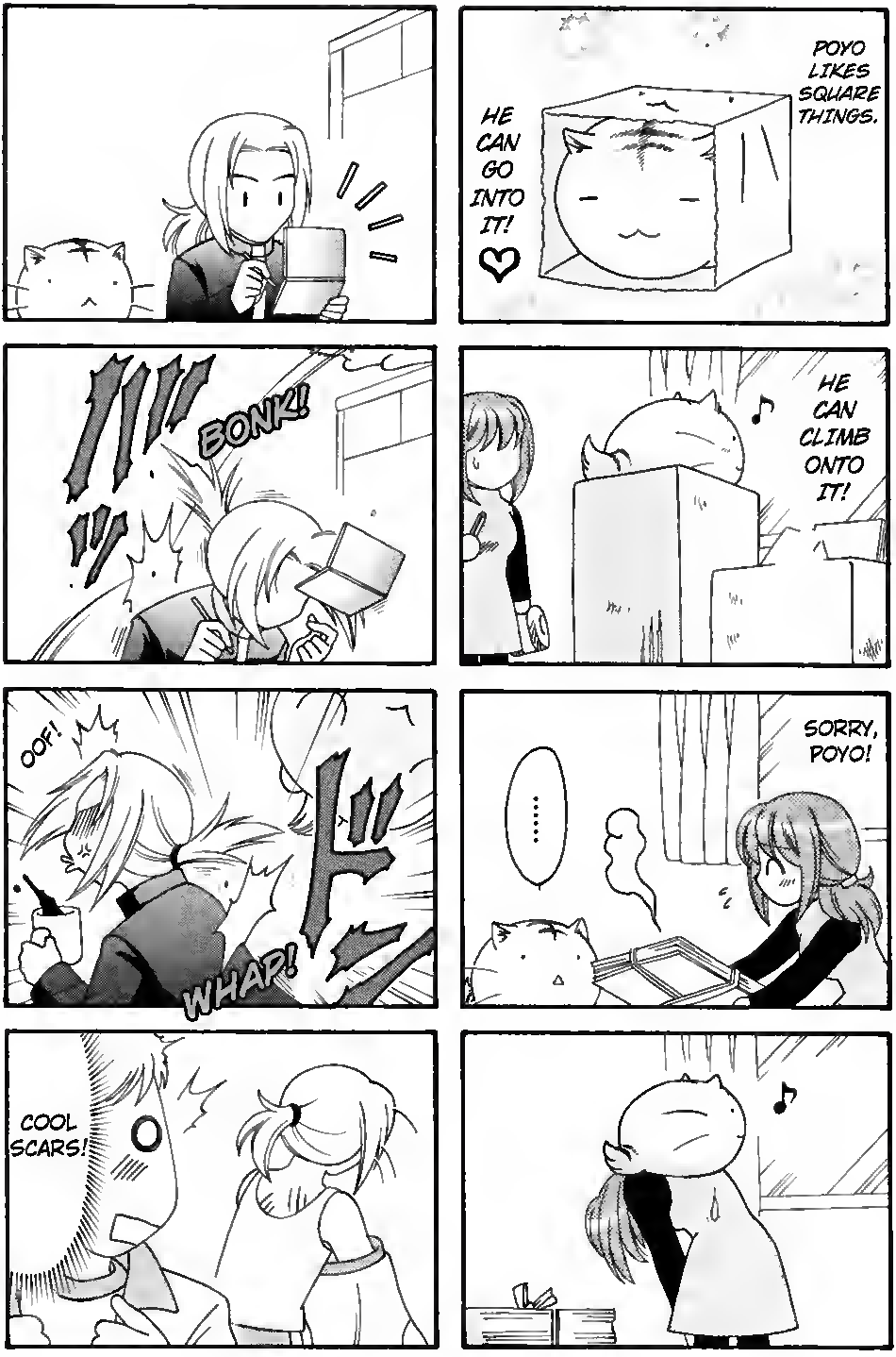

I SHOULD ORGANIZE THE NEWSPAPERS!
TOMO-RROW THEY COLLECT OLD PAPER, HUH...

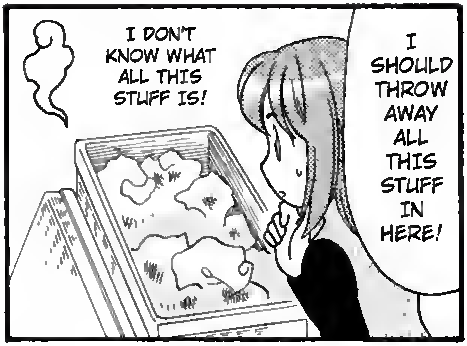

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
GRIP!
I'LL TAKE A PICTURE ANYWAY.
IT'S AN ODD SIGHT, BUT...

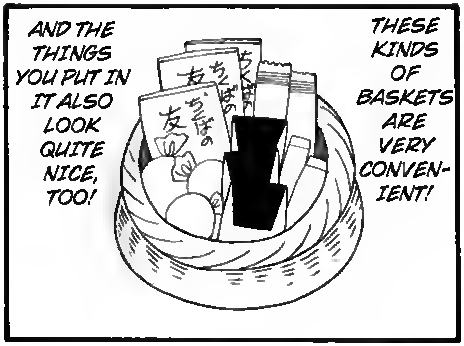

RAGGED BOX

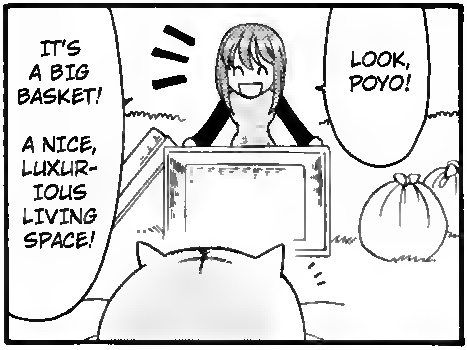

CAN YOU NOT?!
HOW 'BOUT THIS ?!
SNAP!
SNAP!
SNAP!

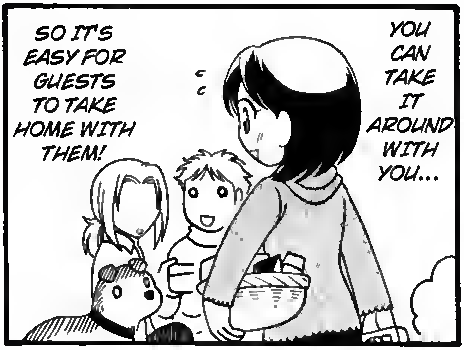

MOMOMO!
I CAN'T EVEN THROW IT AWAY!
COULDN'T YOU HAVE AT LEAST MADE IT IN A NICER BOX?!

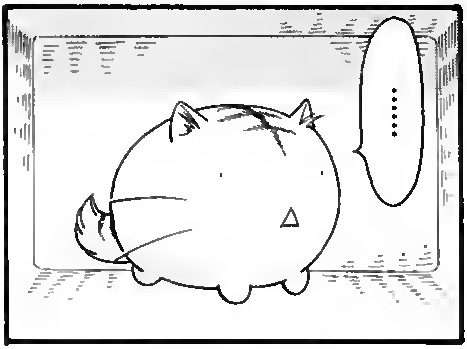

POYO LIKES SQUARE THINGS.
HE CAN GO INTO IT!
BONK!
HE CAN CLIMB ONTO IT!
OOF!
WHAP!
SORRY, POYO!
.....
COOL SCARS!


I DON'T KNOW WHAT ALL THIS STUFF IS!
I SHOULD THROW AWAY ALL THIS STUFF IN HERE!


AND THE THINGS YOU PUT IN IT ALSO LOOK QUITE NICE, TOO!
THESE KINDS OF BASKETS ARE VERY CONVEN-IENT!


IT'S A BIG BASKET!
A NICE, LUXUR-IOUS LIVING SPACE!
LOOK, POYO!


SO IT'S EASY FOR GUESTS TO TAKE HOME WITH THEM!
YOU CAN TAKE IT AROUND WITH YOU...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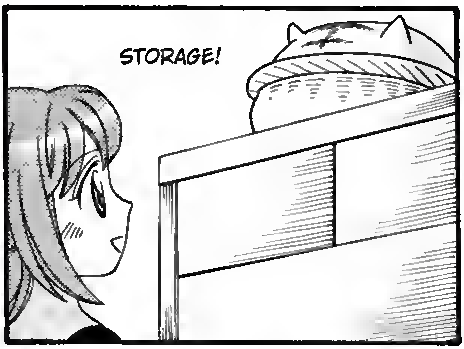
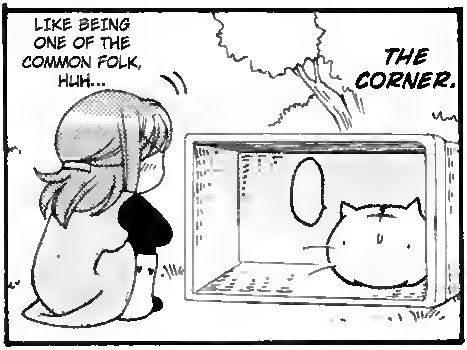
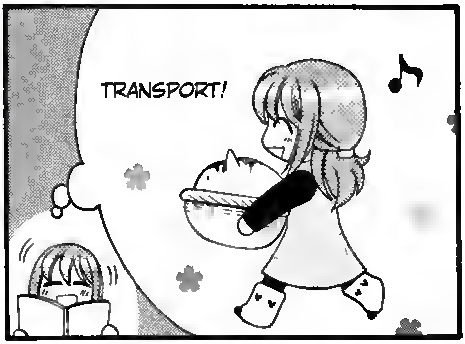
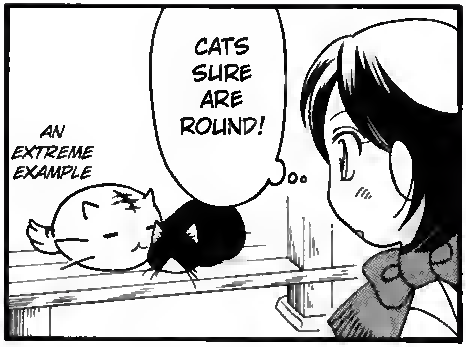
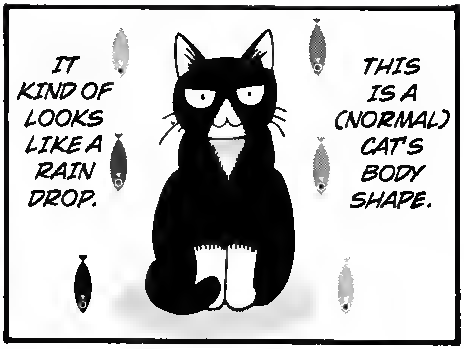
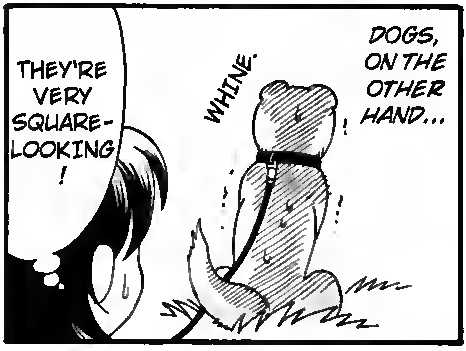

STORAGE!

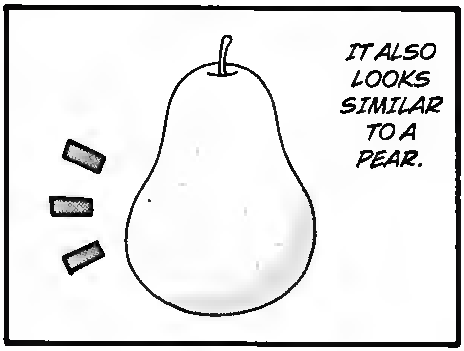

LIKE BEING ONE OF THE COMMON FOLK, HUH...
THE CORNER.

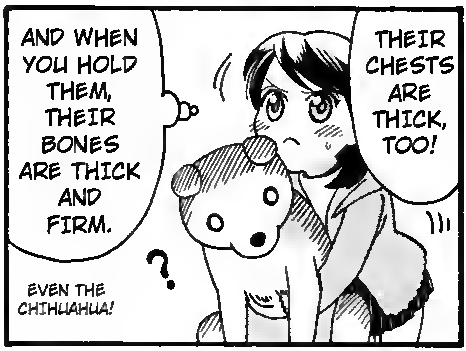

TRANSPORT!

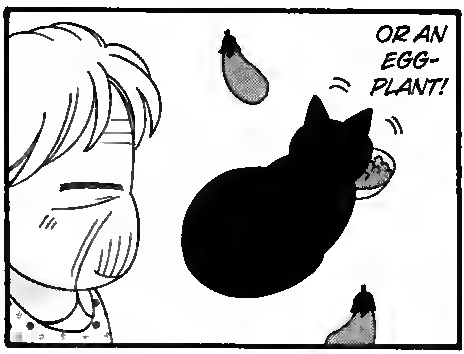

AN EXTREME EXAMPLE
CATS SURE ARE ROUND!

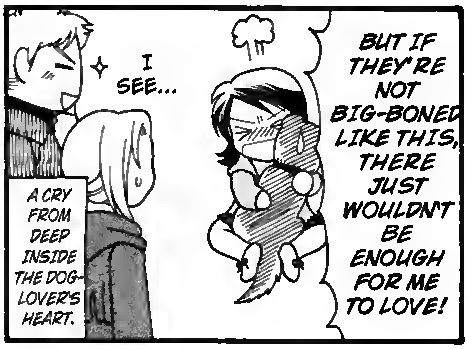

IT KIND OF LOOKS LIKE A RAIN DROP.
THIS IS A (NORMAL) CAT'S BODY SHAPE.

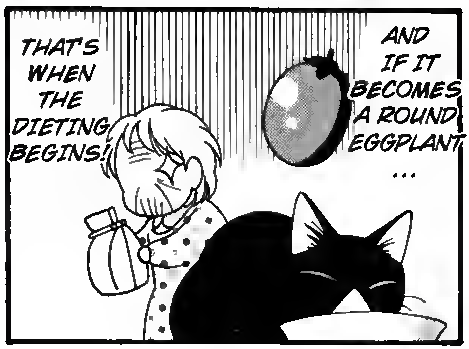

THEY'RE VERY SQUARE-LOOKING!
WHINE
DOGS, ON THE OTHER HAND...

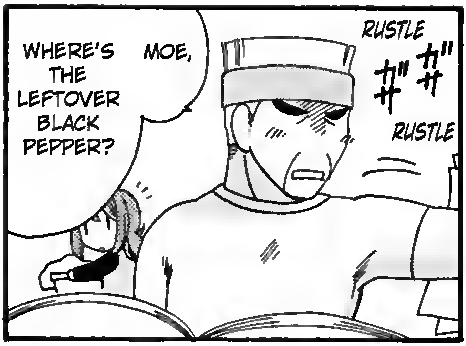

IT ALSO LOOKS SIMILAR TO A PEAR.

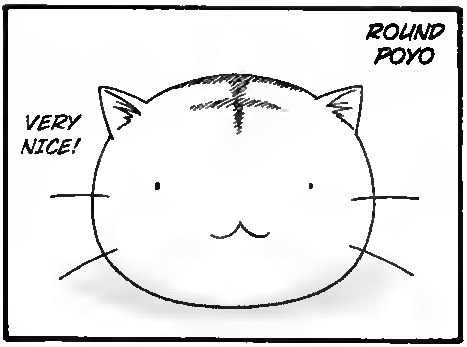

AND WHEN YOU HOLD THEM, THEIR BONES ARE THICK AND FIRM.
THEIR CHESTS ARE THICK, TOO!
EVEN THE CHIHUAHUA!

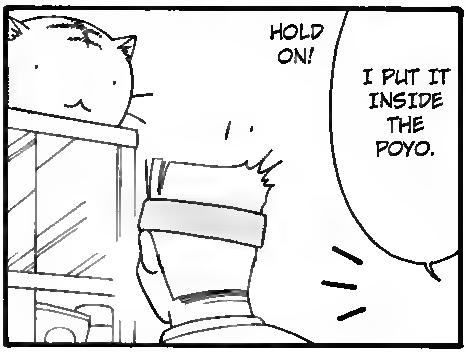

OR AN EGG-PLANT!

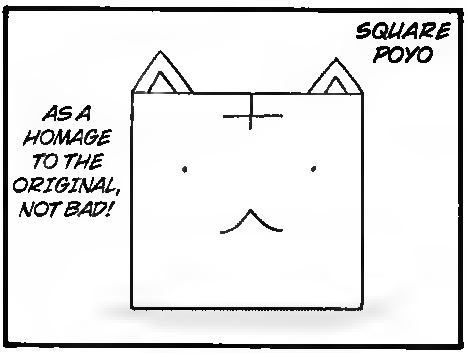

I SEE...
A CRY FROM DEEP INSIDE THE DOG-LOVER'S HEART.
BUT IF THEY'RE NOT BIG-BONED LIKE THIS, THERE JUST WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH FOR ME TO LOVE!

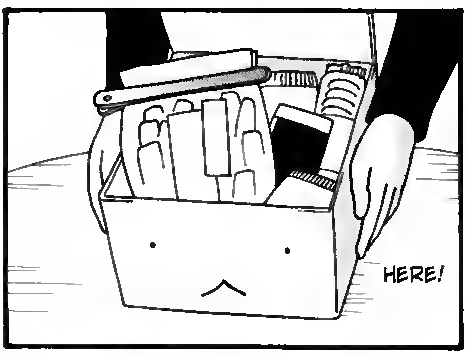

THAT'S WHEN THE DIETING BEGINS!
AND IF IT BECOMES A ROUND EGGPLANT...

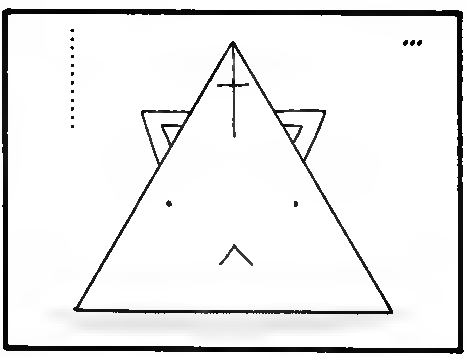

WHERE'S THE LEFTOVER BLACK PEPPER?
MOE,
RUSTLE
RUSTLE


ROUND POYO
VERY NICE!


HOLD ON!
I PUT IT INSIDE THE POYO.


SQUARE POYO
AS A HOMAGE TO THE ORIGINAL, NOT BAD!


HERE!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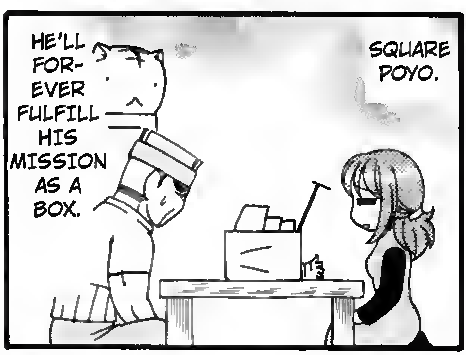
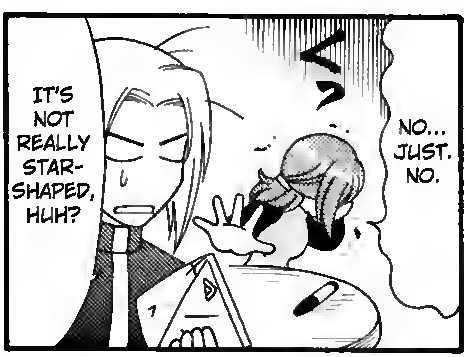
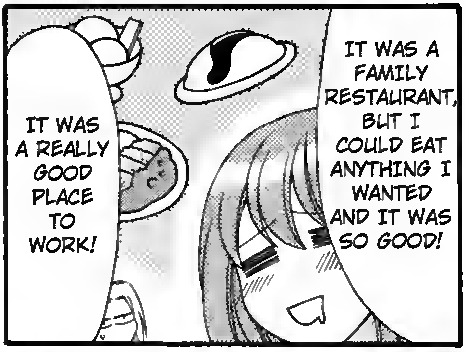
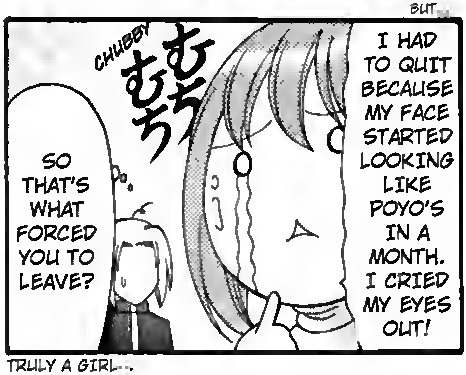
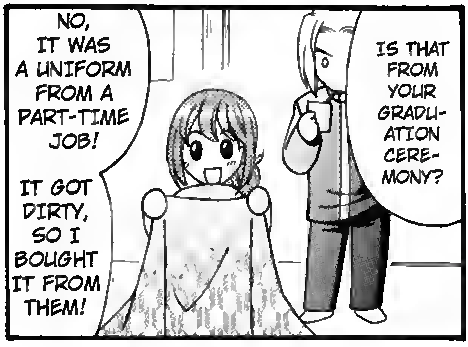

HE'LL FOR-EVER FULFILL HIS MISSION AS A BOX.
SQUARE POYO.


IT'S NOT REALLY STAR-SHAPED, HUH?
NO... JUST. NO.

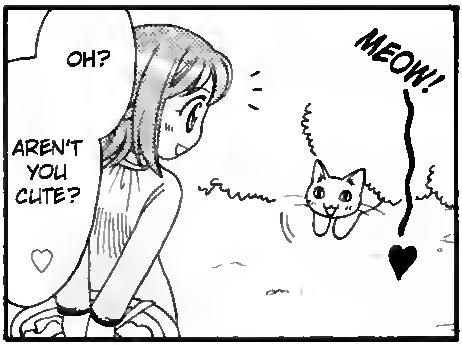


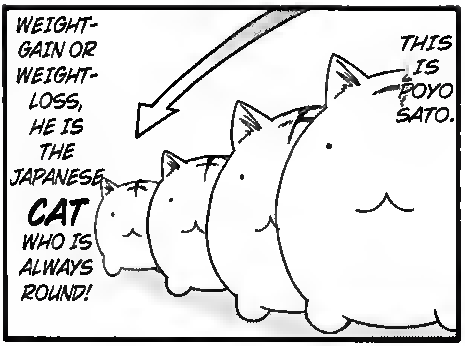
BUT...

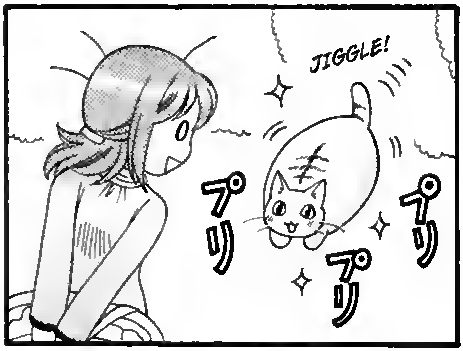

CHUBBY むちむち
SO THAT'S WHAT FORCED YOU TO LEAVE?
I HAD TO QUIT BECAUSE MY FACE STARTED LOOKING LIKE POYO'S IN A MONTH. I CRIED MY EYES OUT!



TRULY A GIRL...


OH?
AREN'T YOU CUTE?
MEOW!


WEIGHT-GAIN OR WEIGHT-LOSS, HE IS THE JAPANESE CAT WHO IS ALWAYS ROUND!
THIS IS POYO SATO.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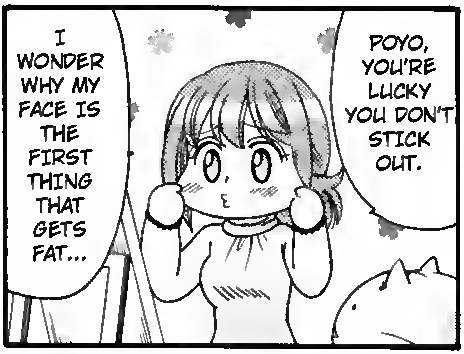
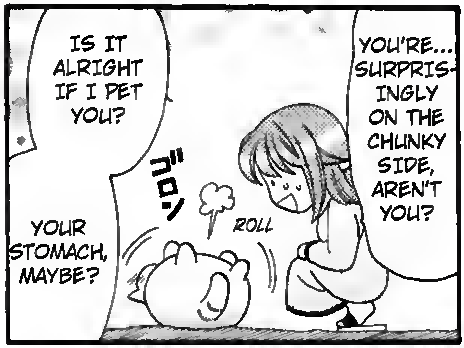

I WONDER WHY MY FACE IS THE FIRST THING THAT GETS FAT...
POYO, YOU'RE LUCKY YOU DON'T STICK OUT.


IS IT ALRIGHT IF I PET YOU?
YOUR STOMACH, MAYBE?
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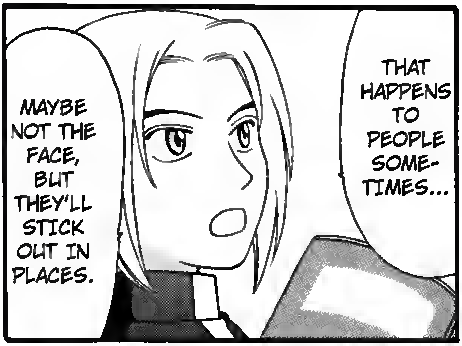
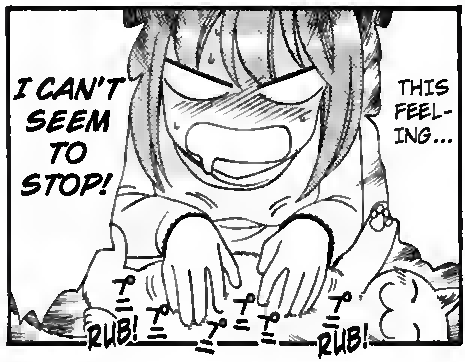
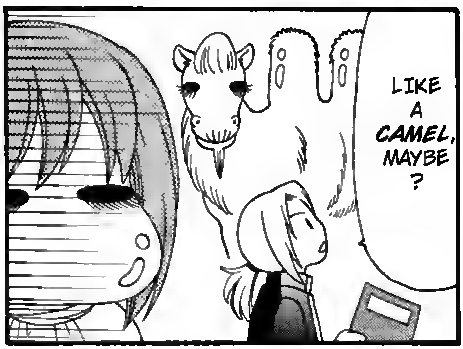
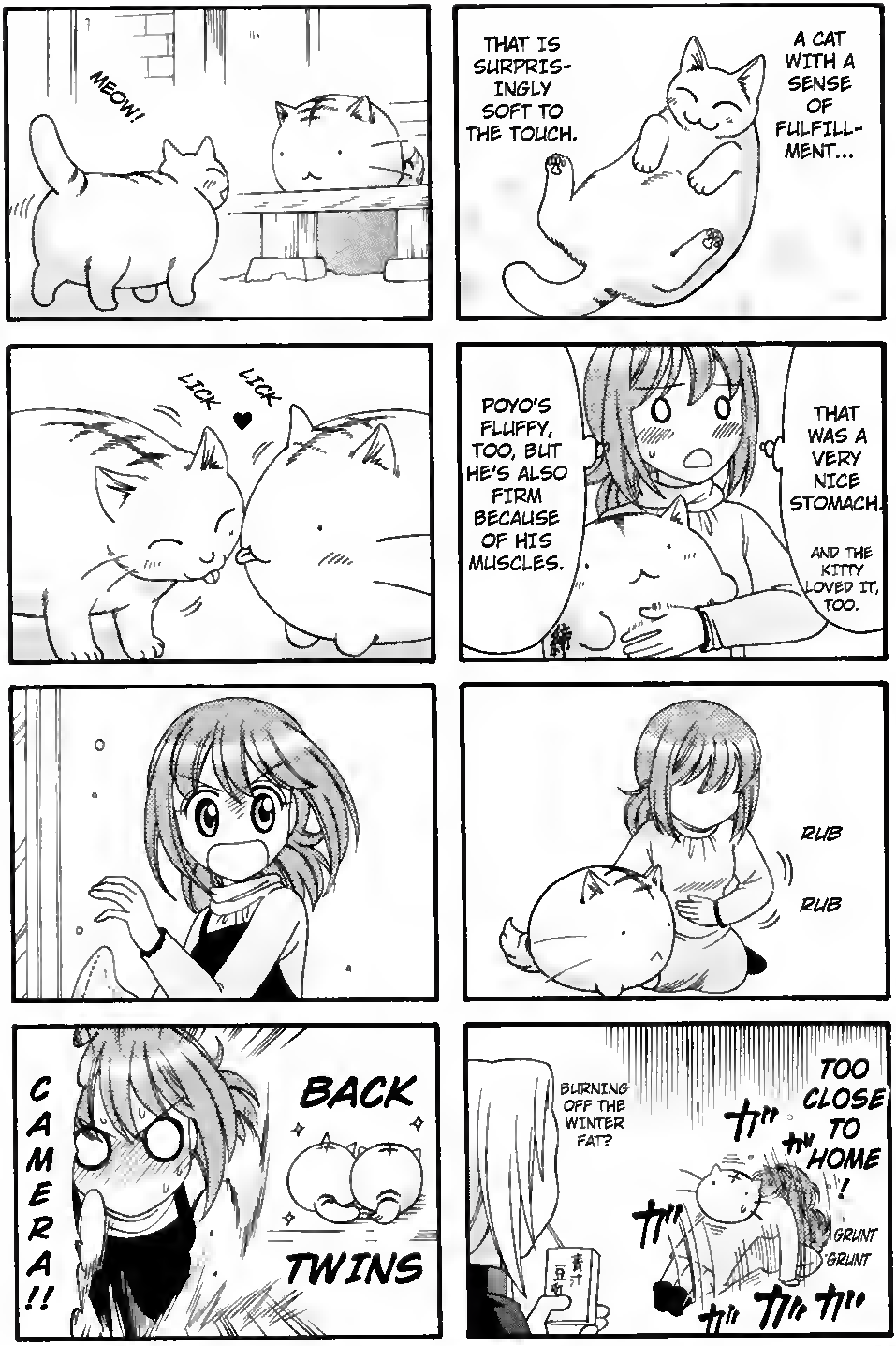
ROLL
YOU'RE... SURPRISINGLY ON THE CHUNKY SIDE, AREN'T YOU?


MAYBE NOT THE FACE, BUT THEY'LL STICK OUT IN PLACES.
THAT HAPPENS TO PEOPLE SOMETIMES...


I CAN'T SEEM TO STOP!
THIS FEELING...
RUB!
RUB!


LIKE A CAMEL, MAYBE?


MEOW!
THAT IS SURPRISINGLY SOFT TO THE TOUCH.
A CAT WITH A SENSE OF FULFILLMENT...
LICK
LICK
POYO'S FLUFFY, TOO, BUT HE'S ALSO FIRM BECAUSE OF HIS MUSCLES.
THAT WAS A VERY NICE STOMACH.
AND THE KITTY LOVED IT, TOO.
RUB
RUB
CAMERA!!
BACK
TWINS
BURNING OFF THE WINTER FAT?
TOO CLOSE TO HOME!
GRUNT
GRUNT

THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING!
LIKE A DOG!
WOW! THIS ONE'S HEAVY!
BUT I THINK THAT CAT TAKES IT...
POYO'S HEAVIER THAN OTHER CATS, TOO C'CAUSE OF THE MUSCLES)
HUG & COMPARE
ニャ MEEOW! ハ
HEAVY
HEAVY
KISS KISS
LICK LICK
THANKS TO A CAREER OF LIFTING VEGE-TABLES!
PAPA'S DOUBLE THE AMAZING!
POYO LOSES.
SNAP
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COOKIES & CREME?
WHAT IS THIS?
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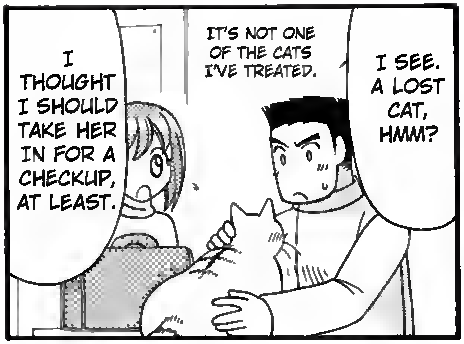
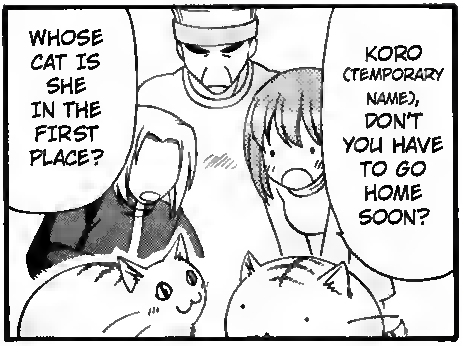
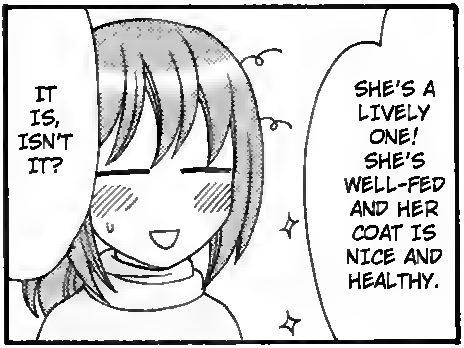
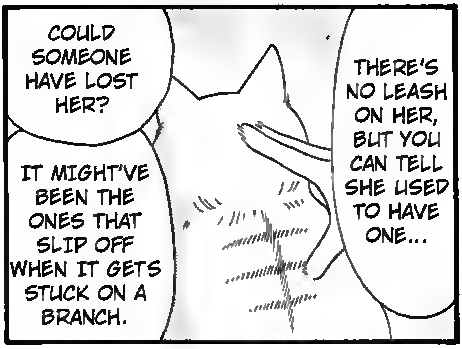
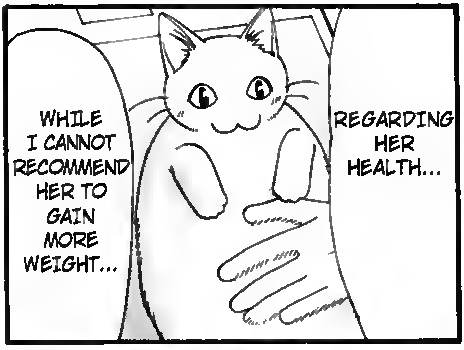
SNAP


I THOUGHT I SHOULD TAKE HER IN FOR A CHECKUP, AT LEAST.
IT'S NOT ONE OF THE CATS I'VE TREATED.
I SEE. A LOST CAT, HMM?

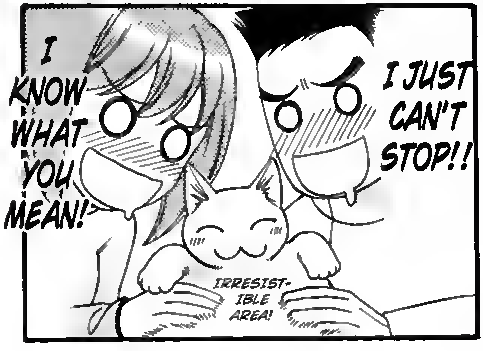

WHOSE CAT IS SHE IN THE FIRST PLACE?
KORO (TEMPORARY NAME), DON'T YOU HAVE TO GO HOME SOON?

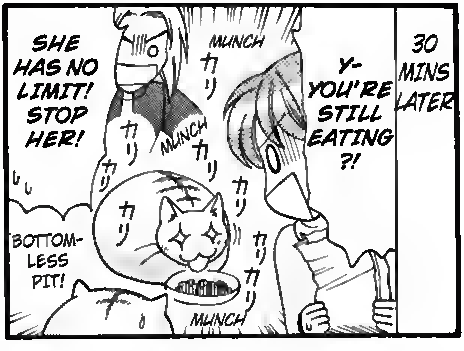

IT IS, ISN'T IT?
SHE'S A LIVELY ONE! SHE'S WELL-FED AND HER COAT IS NICE AND HEALTHY.

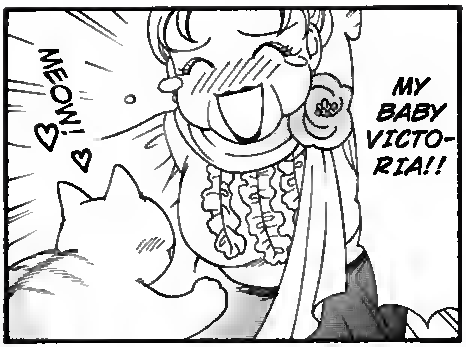

COULD SOMEONE HAVE LOST HER?
IT MIGHT'VE BEEN THE ONES THAT SLIP OFF WHEN IT GETS STUCK ON A BRANCH.
THERE'S NO LEASH ON HER, BUT YOU CAN TELL SHE USED TO HAVE ONE...

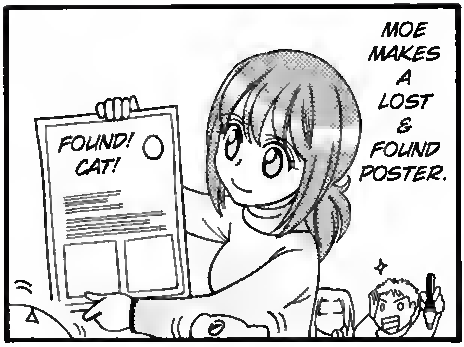

WHILE I CANNOT RECOMMEND HER TO GAIN MORE WEIGHT...
REGARDING HER HEALTH...

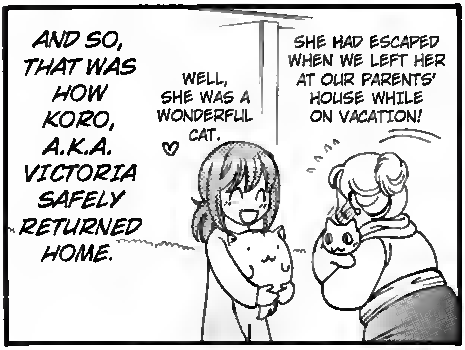
NICE TO SEE THAT YOU'RE NOT A PICKY EATER!
カリ カリ カリ MUNCH MUNCH
SO YOU'RE LOST...
DO YOU WANNA TRY SOME OF POYO'S FOOD?

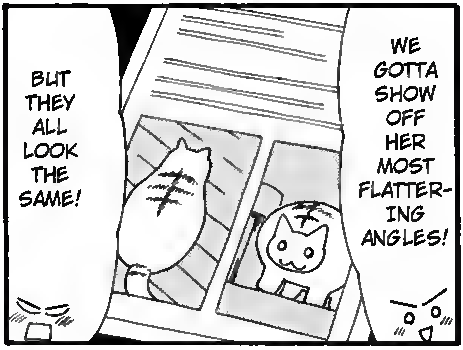

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!
I JUST CAN'T STOP!!
IRRESISTIBLE AREA!

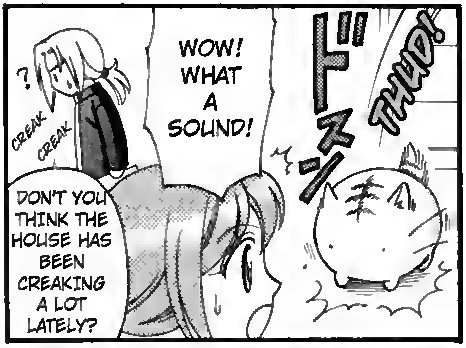

SHE HAS NO LIMIT! STOP HER!
MUNCH
カリ
Y-YOU'RE STILL EATING?!
30 MINS LATER
BOTTOMLESS PIT!
MUNCH


MEOW!
MY BABY VICTORIA!!


MOE MAKES A LOST & FOUND POSTER.
FOUND! CAT!


AND SO, THAT WAS HOW KORO, A.K.A. VICTORIA SAFELY RETURNED HOME.
WELL, SHE WAS A WONDERFUL CAT.
SHE HAD ESCAPED WHEN WE LEFT HER AT OUR PARENTS' HOUSE WHILE ON VACATION!


BUT THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME!
WE GOTTA SHOW OFF HER MOST FLATTERING ANGLES!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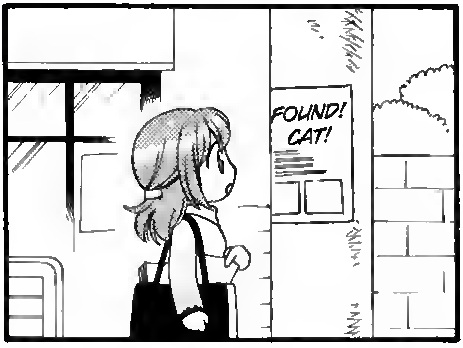
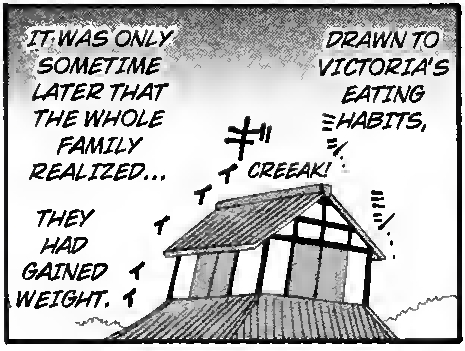
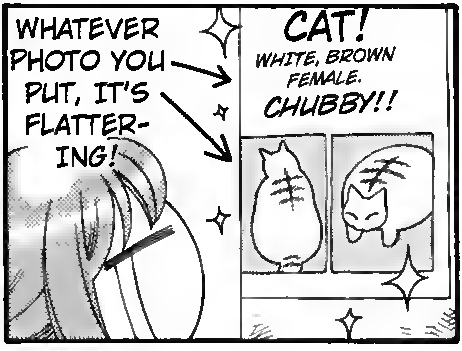
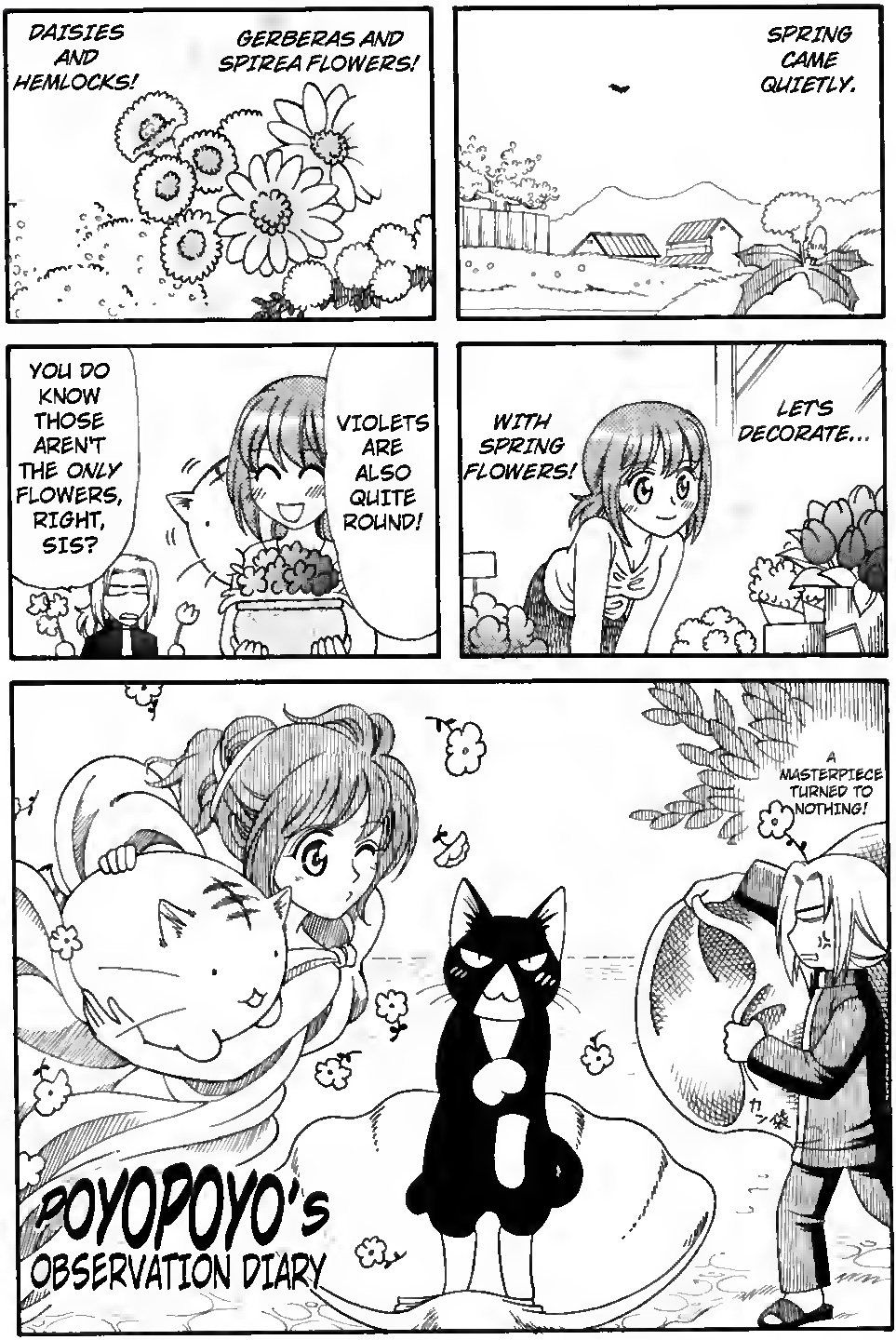
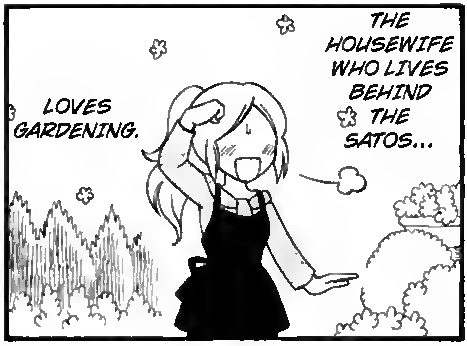
CREAK CREAK
WOW! WHAT A SOUND!
THUD!
DON'T YOU THINK THE HOUSE HAS BEEN CREAKING A LOT LATELY?

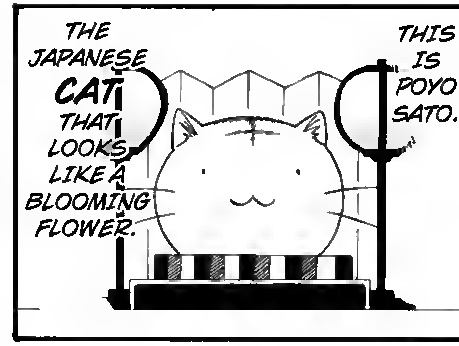

FOUND! CAT!

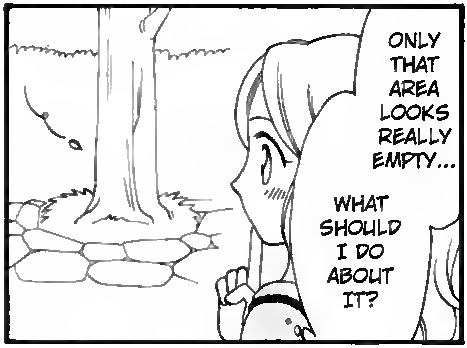

IT WAS ONLY SOMETIME LATER THAT THE WHOLE FAMILY REALIZED...
THEY HAD GAINED WEIGHT.
DRAWN TO VICTORIA'S EATING HABITS,
CREEAK!

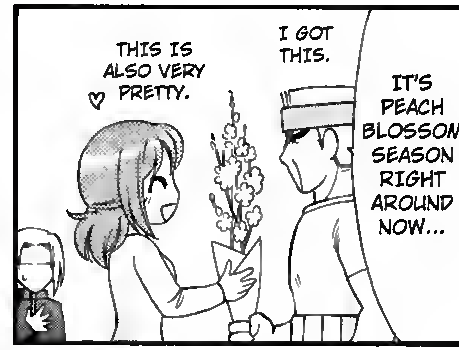

WHATEVER PHOTO YOU PUT, IT'S FLATTERING!
CAT!
WHITE, BROWN FEMALE.
CHUBBY!!

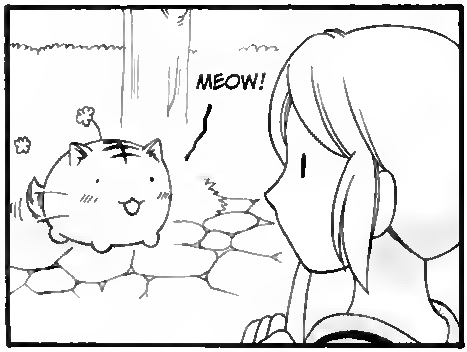

DAISIES AND HEMLOCKS!
GERBERAS AND SPIREA FLOWERS!
SPRING CAME QUIETLY.
YOU DO KNOW THOSE AREN'T THE ONLY FLOWERS, RIGHT, SIS?
VIOLETS ARE ALSO QUITE ROUND!
WITH SPRING FLOWERS!
LET'S DECORATE...
A MASTERPIECE TURNED TO NOTHING!
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

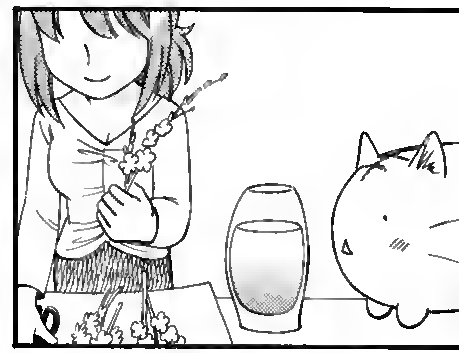

THE HOUSEWIFE WHO LIVES BEHIND THE SATOS...
LOVES GARDENING.

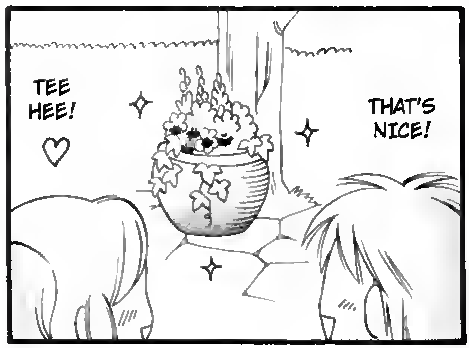

THE JAPANESE CAT THAT LOOKS LIKE A BLOOMING FLOWER.
THIS IS POYO SATO.

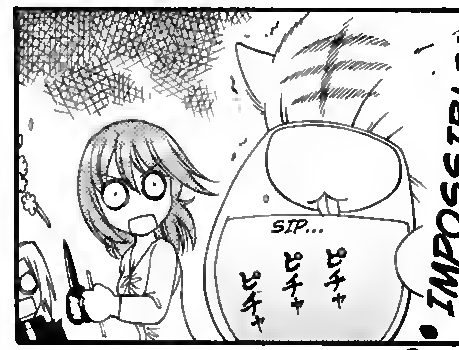

ONLY THAT AREA LOOKS REALLY EMPTY...
WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT IT?


THIS IS ALSO VERY PRETTY.
I GOT THIS.
IT'S PEACH BLOSSOM SEASON RIGHT AROUND NOW...


MEOW!




TEE HEE!
THAT'S NICE!


SIP...
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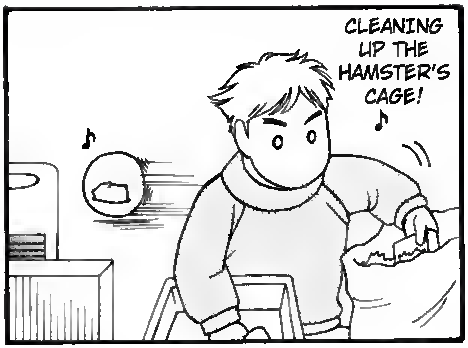
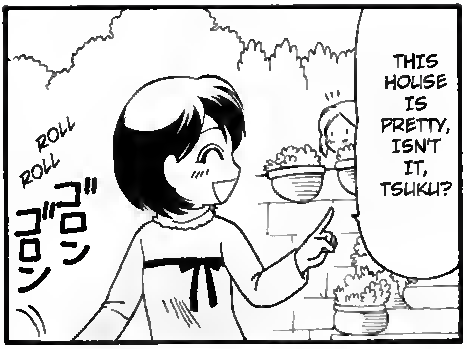
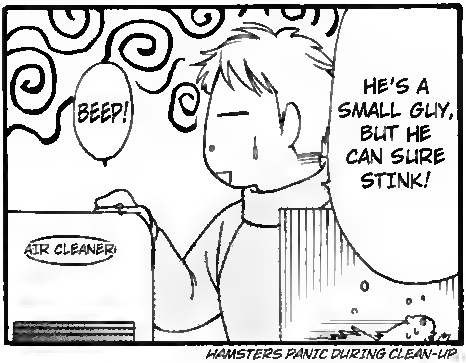
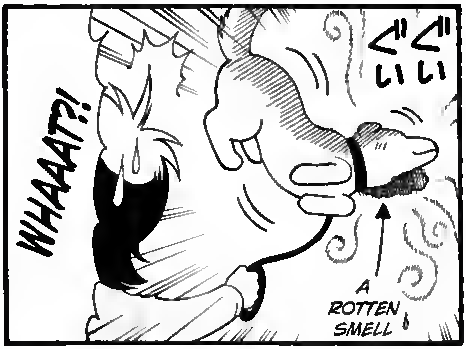
IMPOSSIBLE!

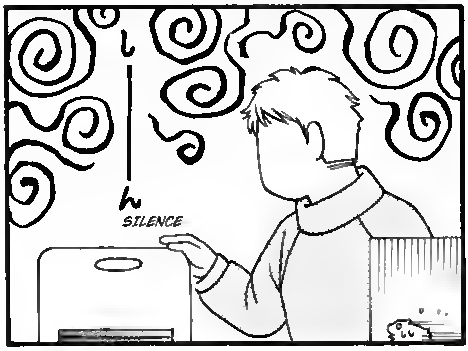


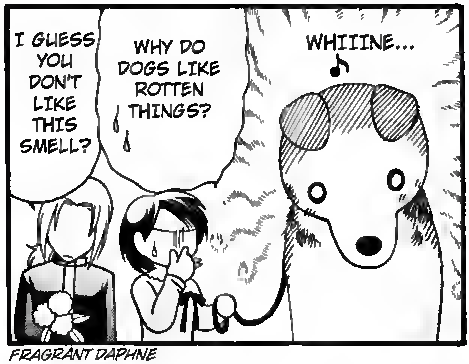




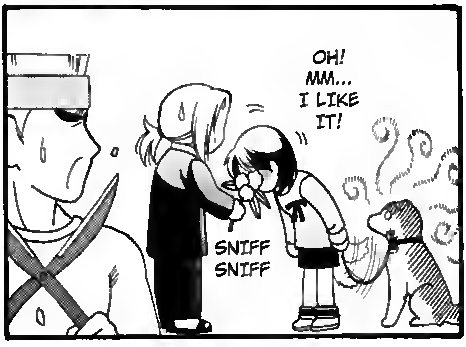
HAMSTERS PANIC DURING CLEAN-UP

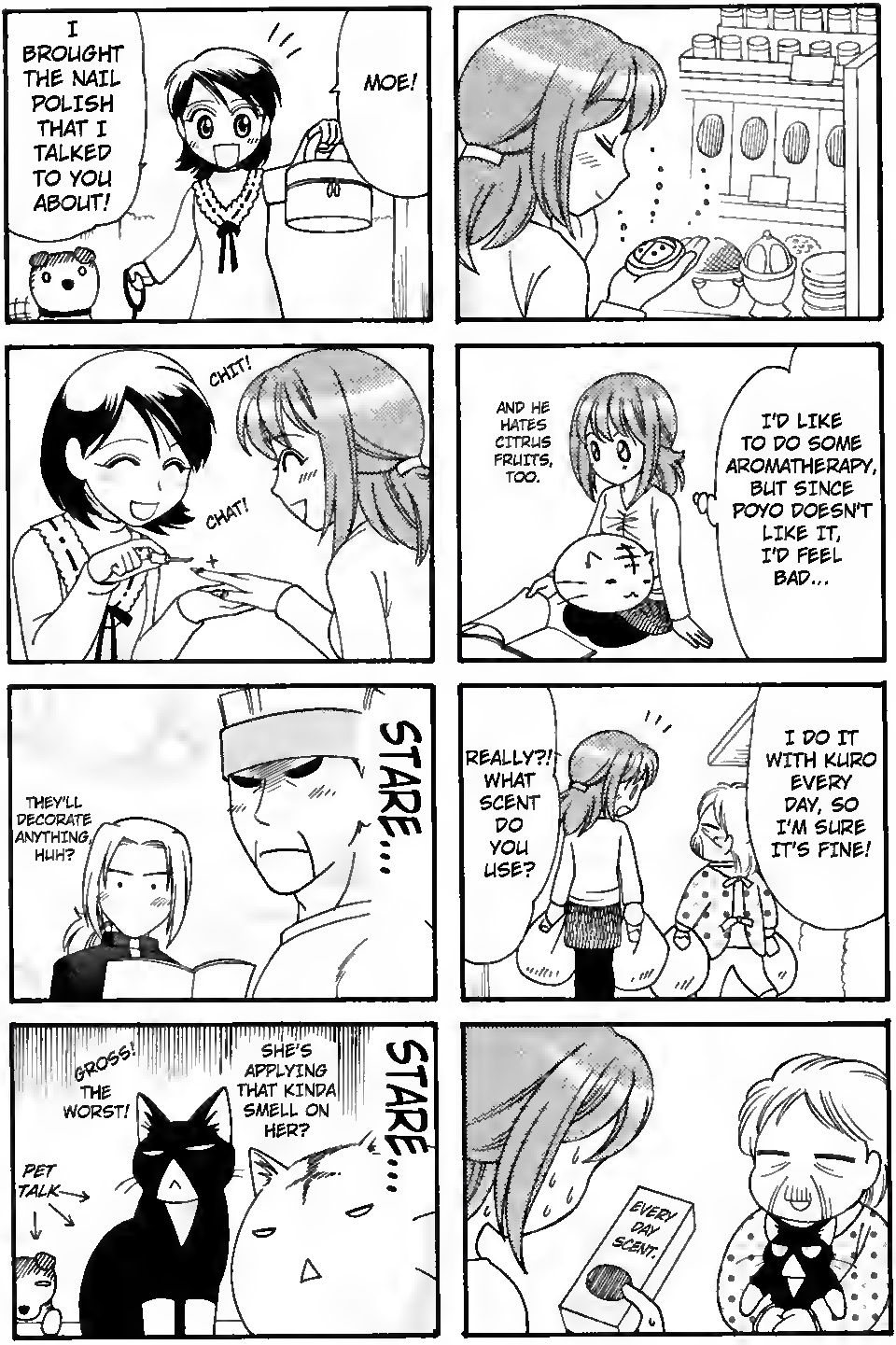


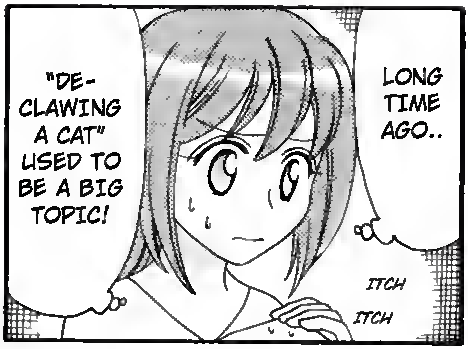


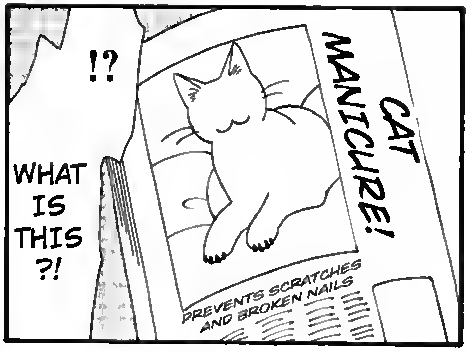


FRAGRANT DAPHNE




I BROUGHT THE NAIL POLISH THAT I TALKED TO YOU ABOUT!
MOE!
CHIT!
CHAT!
AND HE HATES CITRUS FRUITS, TOO.
I'D LIKE TO DO SOME AROMATHERAPY, BUT SINCE POYO DOESN'T LIKE IT, I'D FEEL BAD...
STARE...
THEY'LL DECORATE ANYTHING, HUH?
REALLY?! WHAT SCENT DO YOU USE?
I DO IT WITH KURO EVERY DAY, SO I'M SURE IT'S FINE!
STARE...
GROSS! THE WORST!
SHE'S APPLYING THAT KINDA SMELL ON HER?
PET TALK
EVERY DAY SCENT.


"DE-CLAWING A CAT" USED TO BE A BIG TOPIC!
LONG TIME AGO..
ITCH
ITCH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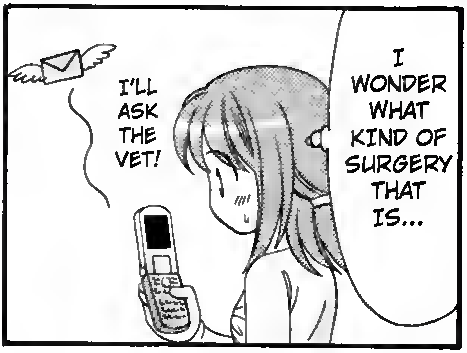
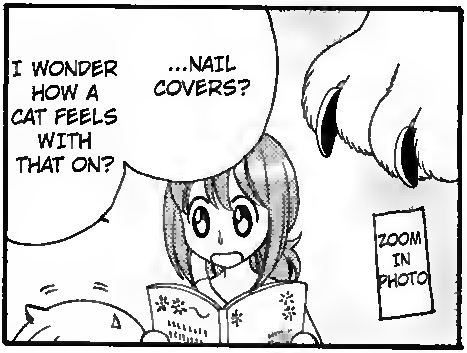
WHAT IS THIS ?!
CAT MANICURE!
PREVENTS SCRATCHES AND BROKEN NAILS


I'LL ASK THE VET!
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF SURGERY THAT IS...


I WONDER HOW A CAT FEELS WITH THAT ON?
...NAIL COVERS?
ZOOM IN PHOTO

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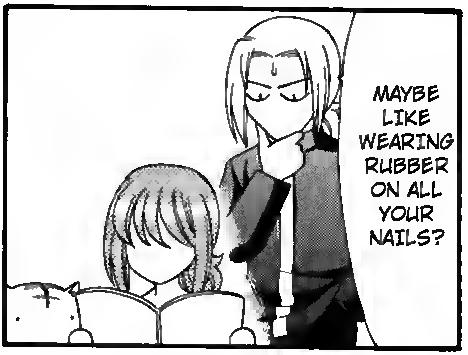
MAYBE LIKE WEARING RUBBER ON ALL YOUR NAILS?

SHIVER
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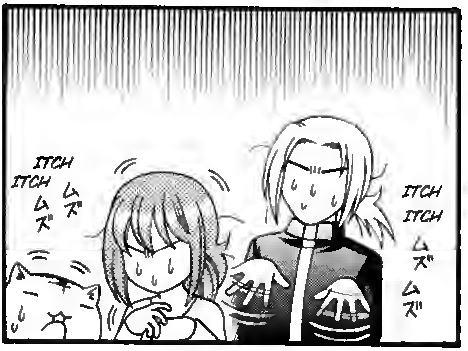
SHIVER
"I CAN'T TELL YOU. YOU MIGHT FAINT HEARING THE ANSWER..."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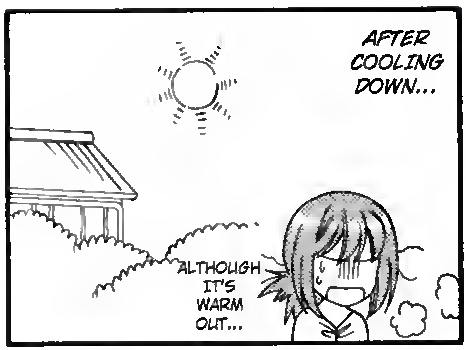
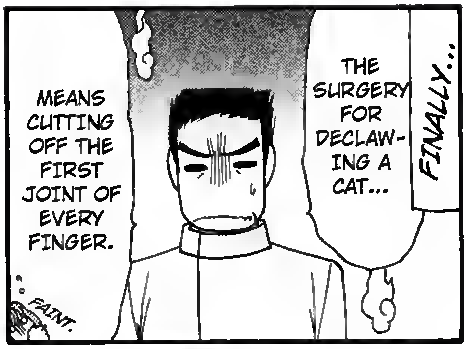
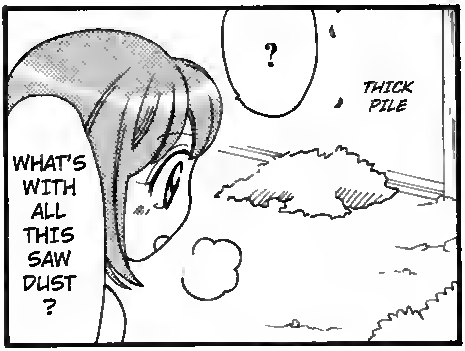

AFTER COOLING DOWN...
ALTHOUGH IT'S WARM OUT...


FINALLY...
THE SURGERY FOR DECLAWING A CAT...
MEANS CUTTING OFF THE FIRST JOINT OF EVERY FINGER.
PAINT.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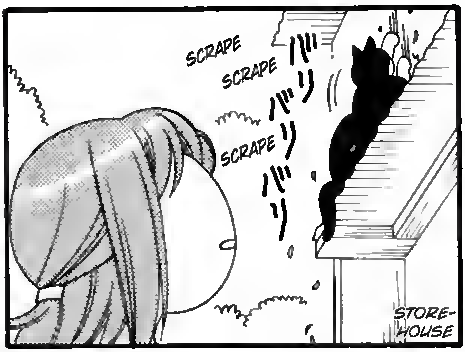
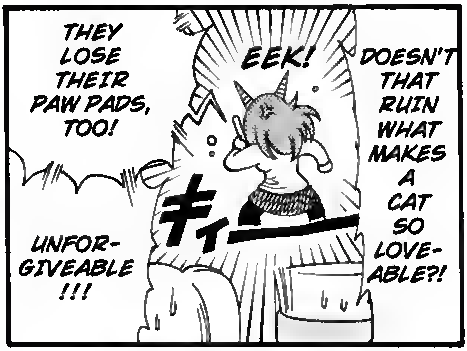
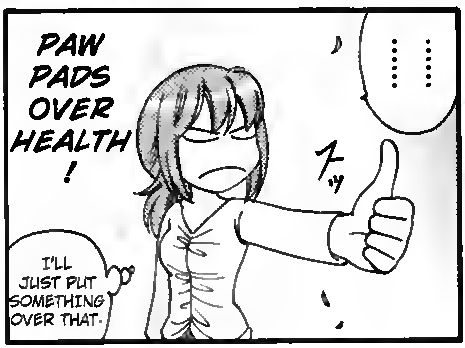
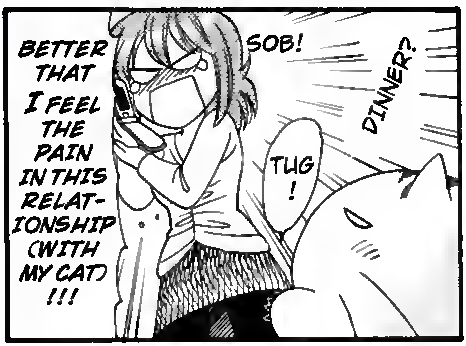
THICK PILE
WHAT'S WITH ALL THIS SAW DUST ?

THOSE ROUND PAWS YOU SO LOVED WILL BE RUINED!
I WILL NOT DO THIS PROCEDURE UNTIL THE DAY I DIE!
A DECLAWED CAT WILL LACK THE ABILITY TO DO EVERY DAY THINGS WELL!


SCRAPE
SCRAPE
SCRAPE
STORE-HOUSE


THEY LOSE THEIR PAW PADS, TOO!
EEK!
DOESN'T THAT RUIN WHAT MAKES A CAT SO LOVE-ABLE?!
UNFOR-GIVEABLE !!!

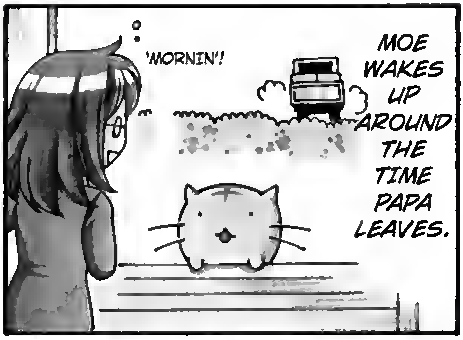

PAW PADS OVER HEALTH !
I'LL JUST PUT SOMETHING OVER THAT.

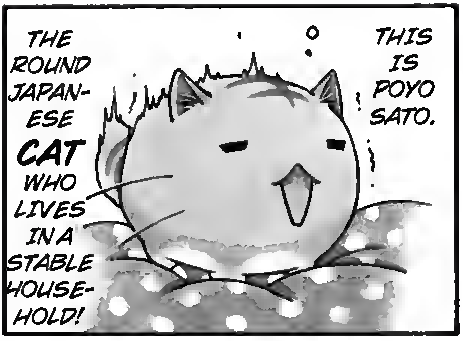

BETTER THAT I FEEL THE PAIN IN THIS RELATIONSHIP (WITH MY CAT) !!!
SOB!
TUG !
DINNER?

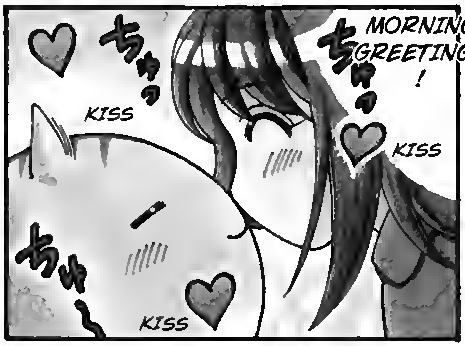
WHAT...
IS THAT ABOUT?

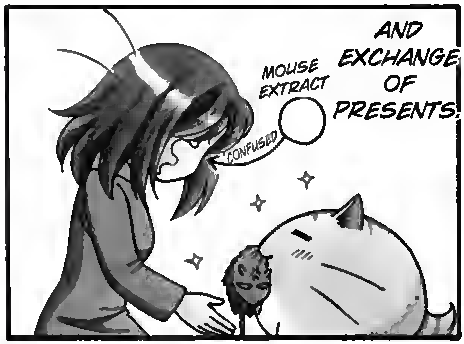
EEEK!
THREE MONTHS LATER.
MEW!
MEW!
RUSTLE
MEOW?!
SO YOU'RE A MOMMY NOW, HUH!
YOU WANT SOME?
YOU WERE THAT CAT FROM AWHILE AGO!
MEW!
MEW!
I GET TO WITNESS A CAT DATE!
OOH! IT'S A CAT COUPLE!
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO PULL BACK YOUR NAILS, YET!
OUCH! OUCH!
MEW!
MEW!
MEW!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
MEEOWWWWW!
IS THE CUTEST!
THAT ROUND LOOK WHEN KITTENS ARE FIRST BORN...
THAT'S A DATE, ALRIGHT!
MOE

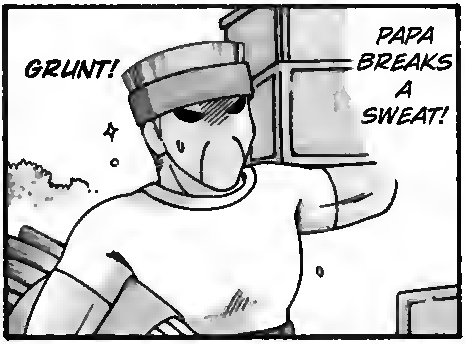
POYOPOYO'S OBSERVATION DIARY

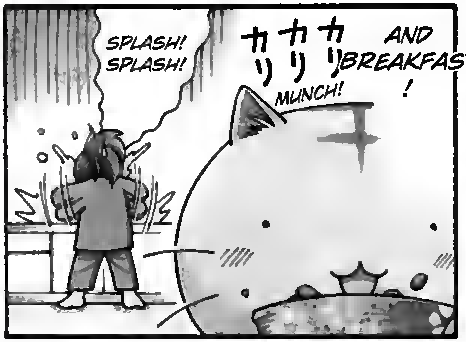


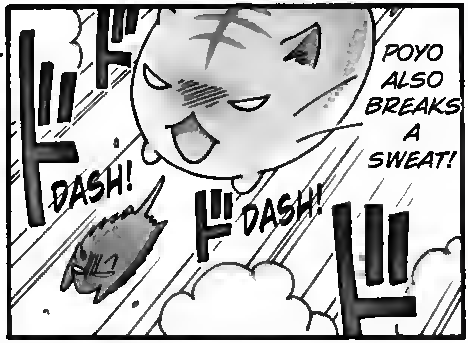




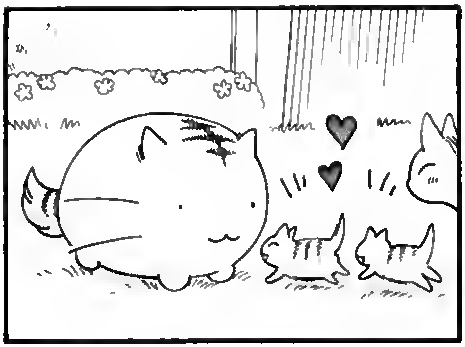


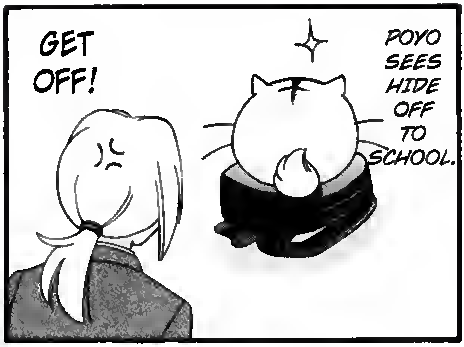


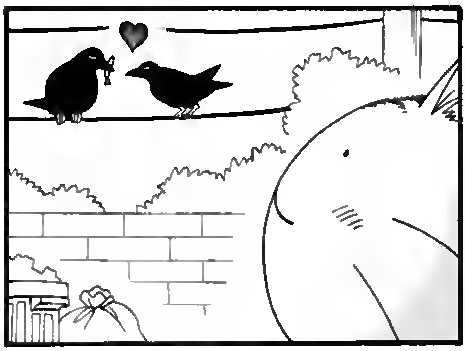


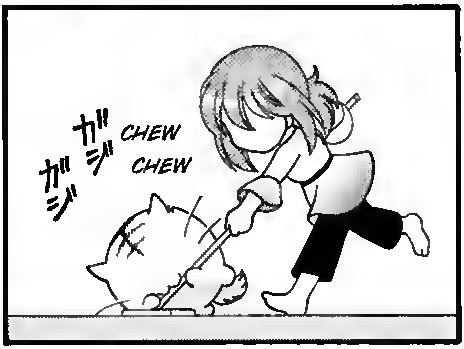


AND EVEN SPILLS BLOOD.




GET OFF!
POYO SEES HIDE OFF TO SCHOOL.

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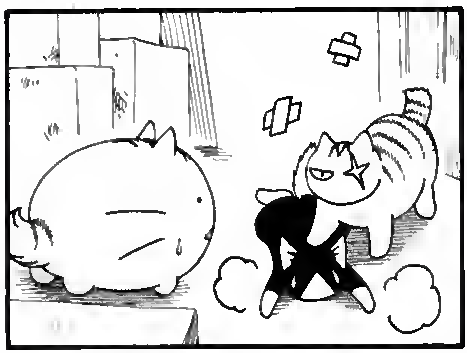
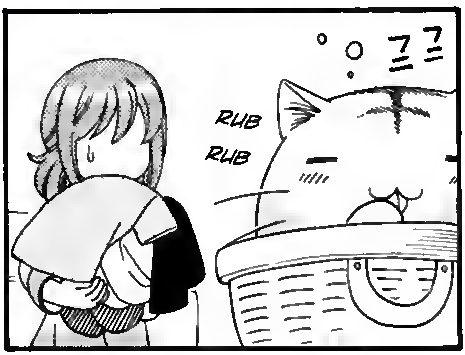
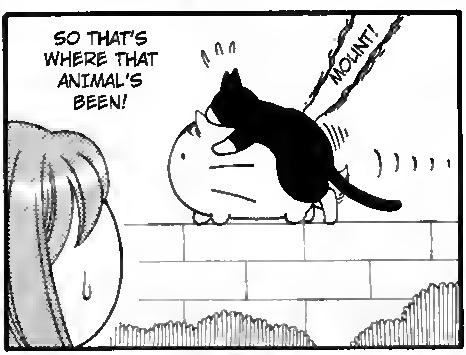
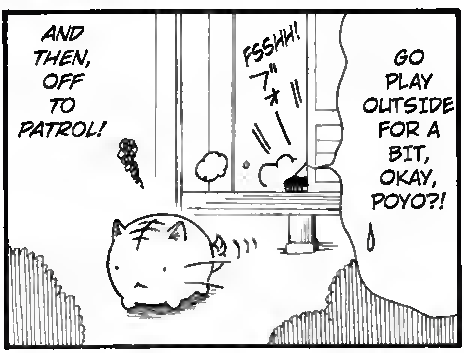
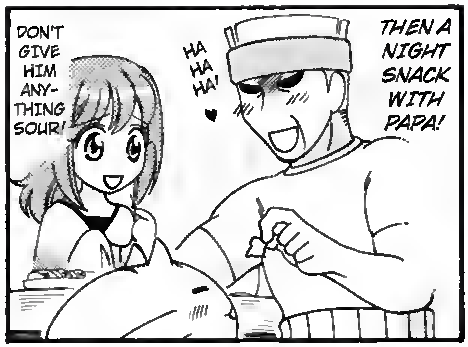
CHEW CHEW

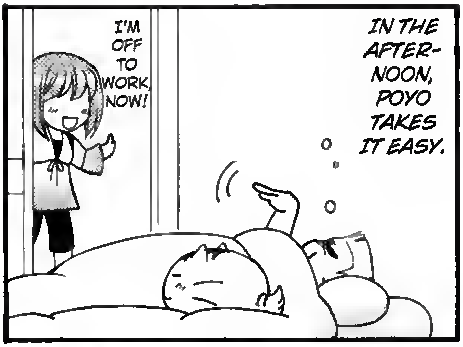



RUB RUB

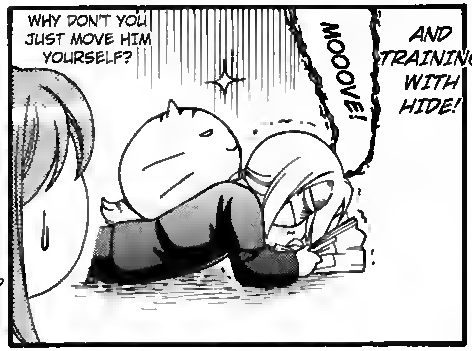

SO THAT'S WHERE THAT ANIMAL'S BEEN!
MOUNT!

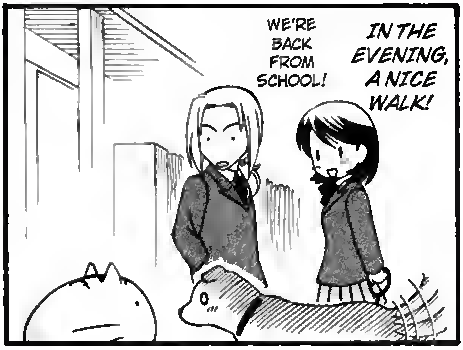

AND THEN, OFF TO PATROL!
FSSHH!
GO PLAY OUTSIDE FOR A BIT, OKAY, POYO?!

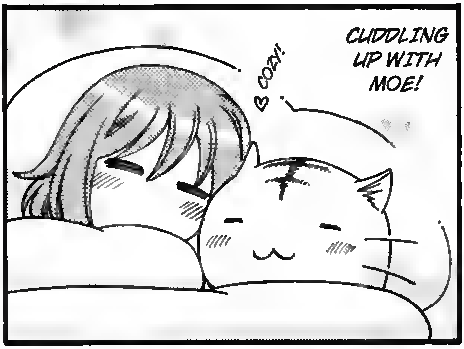


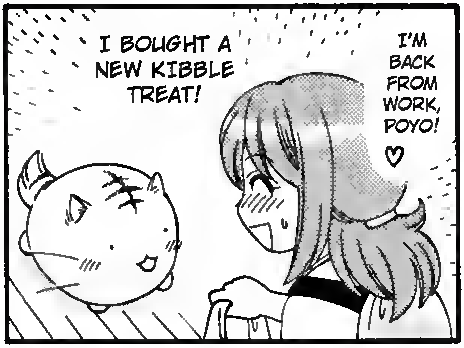


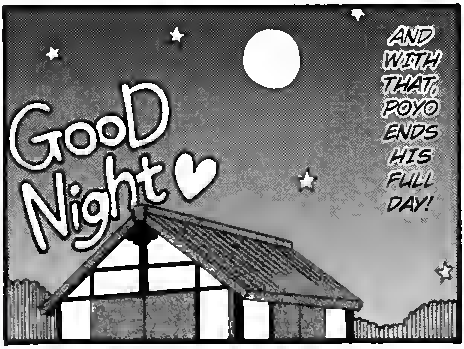
PICKED ON BY MOE!

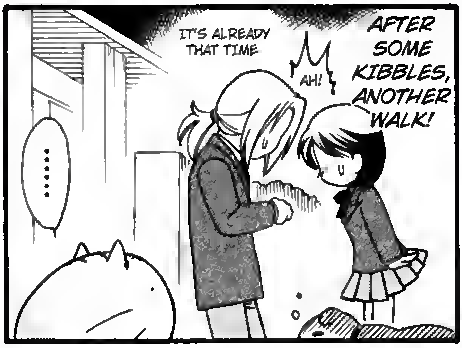


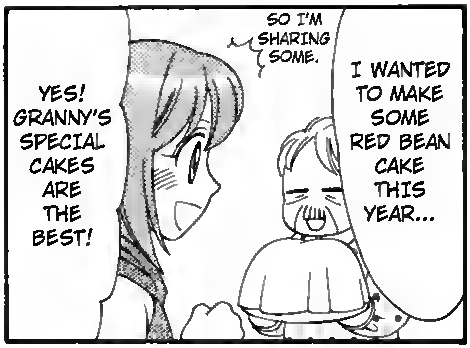


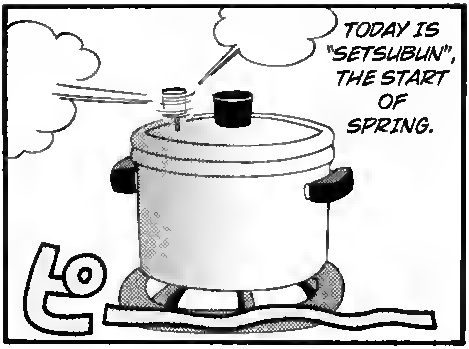


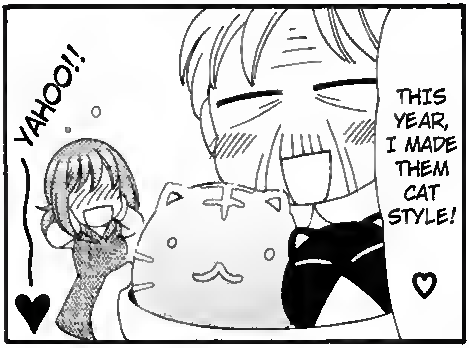


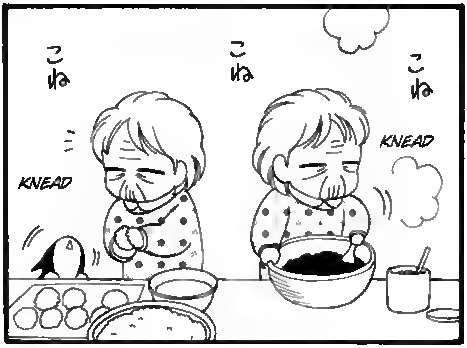





I WANTED TO MAKE SOME RED BEAN CAKE THIS YEAR...
SO I'M SHARING SOME.
YES! GRANNY'S SPECIAL CAKES ARE THE BEST!


TODAY IS "SETSUBUN", THE START OF SPRING.


THIS YEAR, I MADE THEM CAT STYLE!
YAHOO!!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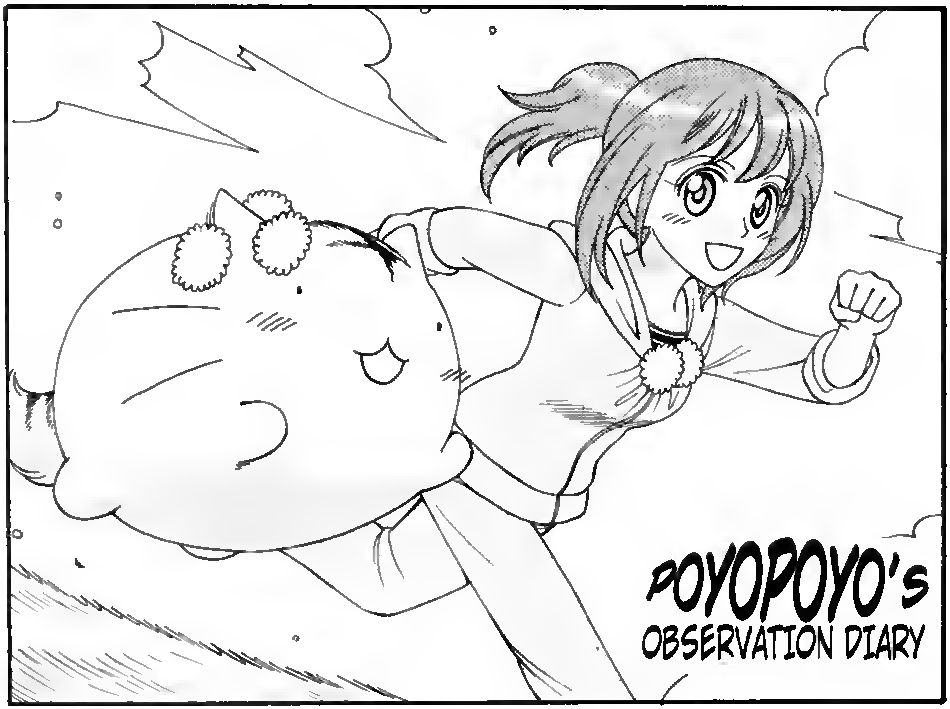
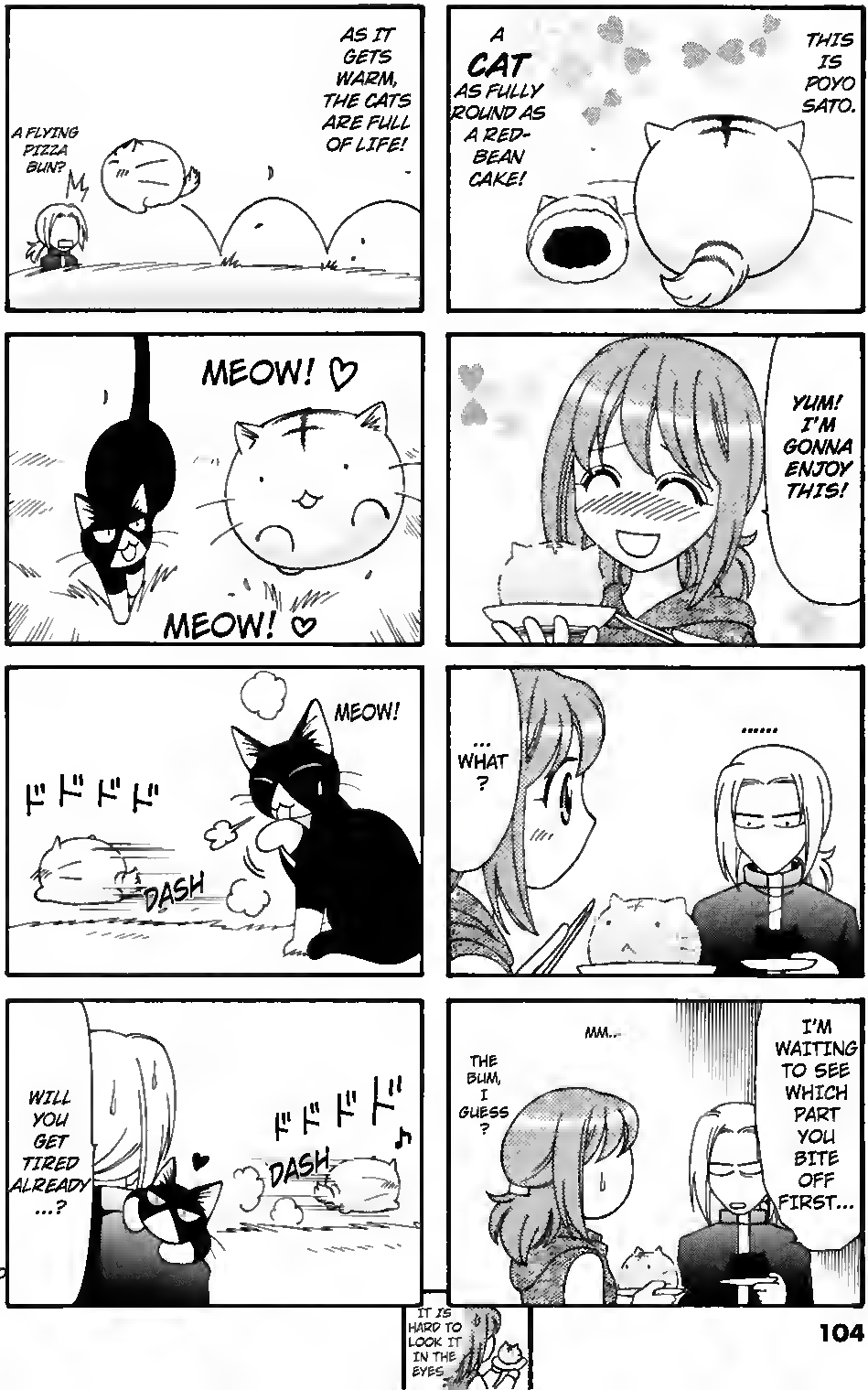
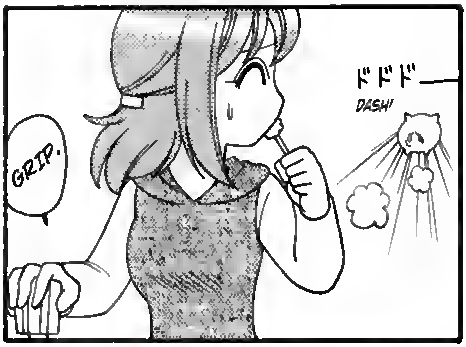

POYOPOYO'S
OBSERVATION DIARY


AS IT GETS WARM, THE CATS ARE FULL OF LIFE!
A FLYING PIZZA BUN?
THIS IS POYO SATO.
A CAT AS FULLY ROUND AS A RED-BEAN CAKE!
MEOW!
MEOW!
YUM! I'M GONNA ENJOY THIS!
MEOW!
DASH
WHAT ?
.....
WILL YOU GET TIRED ALREADY ...?
DASH
MM...
I'M WAITING TO SEE WHICH PART YOU BITE OFF FIRST...
THE BUM, I GUESS ?
MACHO CAT.
IT IS HARD TO LOOK IT IN THE EYES.


GRIP.
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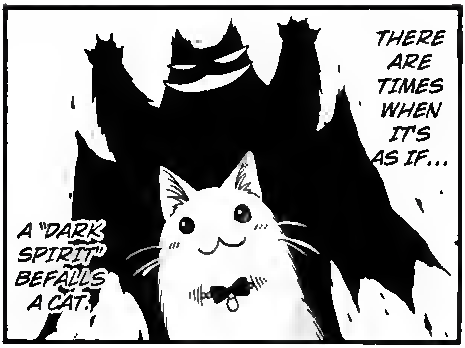
DASH!


THERE ARE TIMES WHEN IT'S AS IF...
A "DARK SPIRIT" BEFALLS A CAT.

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SLURP
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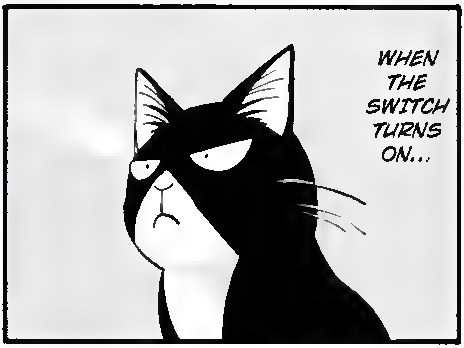
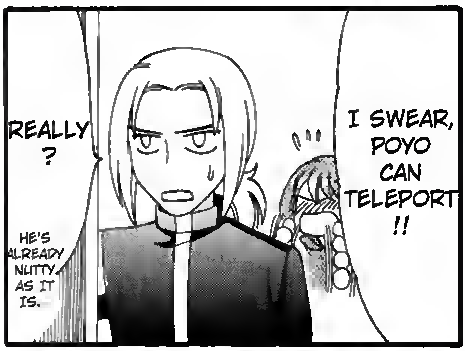
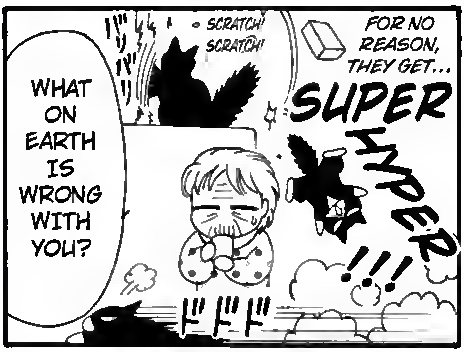

WHEN THE SWITCH TURNS ON...


REALLY?
I SWEAR, POYO CAN TELEPORT!!
HE'S ALREADY NUTTY AS IT IS.


WHAT ON EARTH IS WRONG WITH YOU?
SCRATCH! SCRATCH!
FOR NO REASON, THEY GET...
SUPER HYPER!!!
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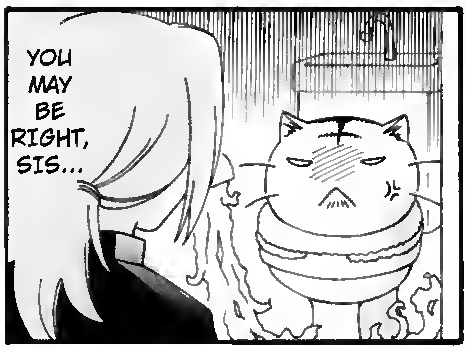
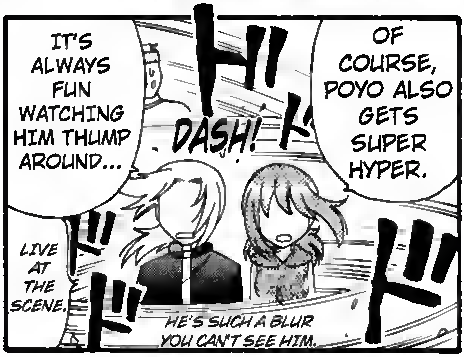

YOU MAY BE RIGHT, SIS...


IT'S ALWAYS FUN WATCHING HIM THUMP AROUND...
OF COURSE, POYO ALSO GETS SUPER HYPER.
DASH!
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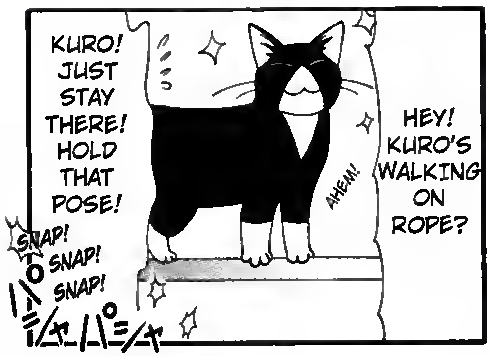
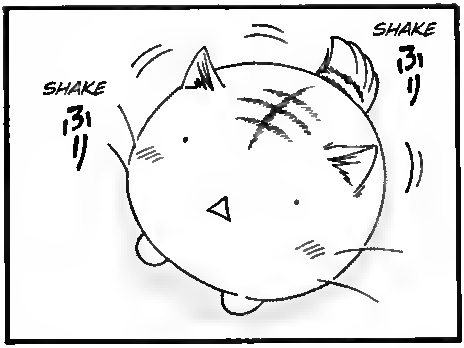
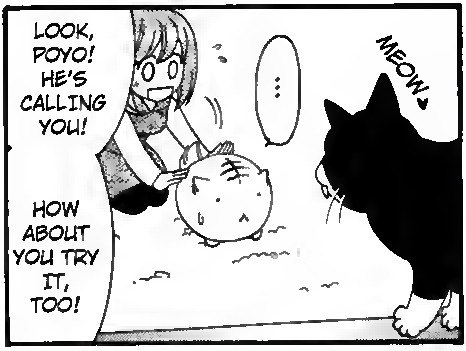
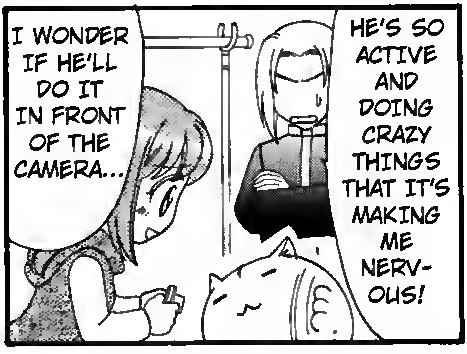
LIVE AT THE SCENE.
HE'S SUCH A BLUR YOU CAN'T SEE HIM.

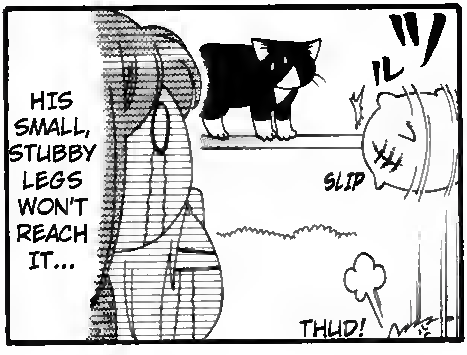

KURO! JUST STAY THERE! HOLD THAT POSE!
AHEM!
HEY! KURO'S WALKING ON ROPE?
SNAP! SNAP! SNAP!

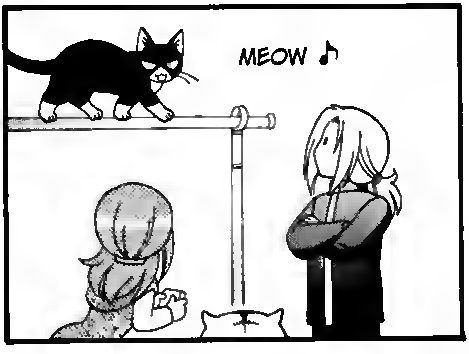

SHAKE
SHAKE

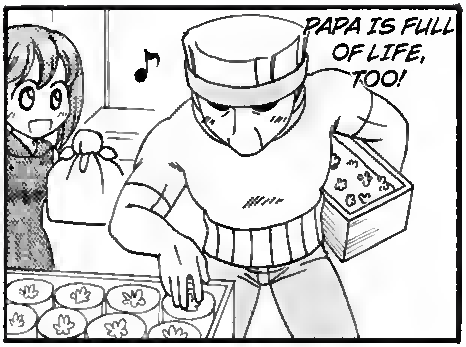

LOOK, POYO! HE'S CALLING YOU!
HOW ABOUT YOU TRY IT, TOO!
MEOW♪

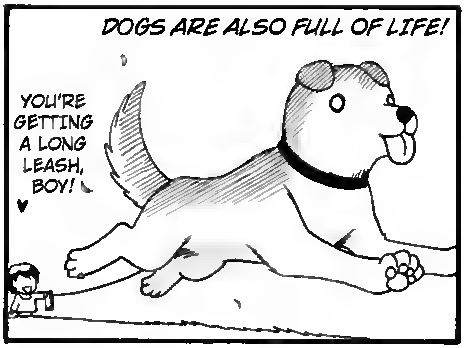
WHOA!
BAM!

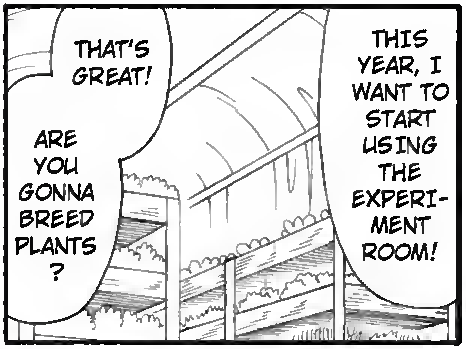

I WONDER IF HE'LL DO IT IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA...
HE'S SO ACTIVE AND DOING CRAZY THINGS THAT IT'S MAKING ME NERV-OUS!

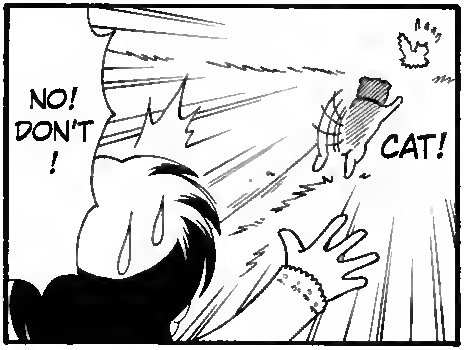

HIS SMALL, STUBBY LEGS WON'T REACH IT...
SLIP
THUD!

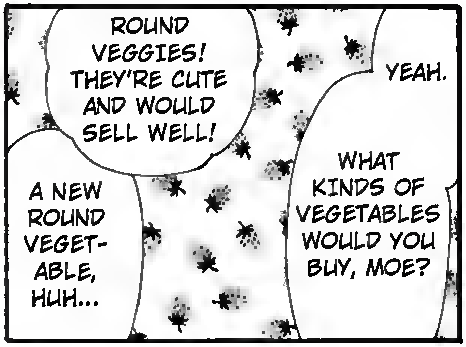

MEOW ♪

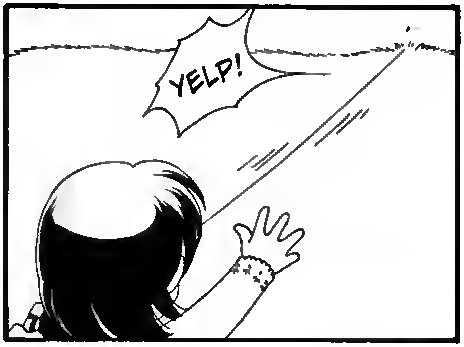

PAPA IS FULL OF LIFE, TOO!

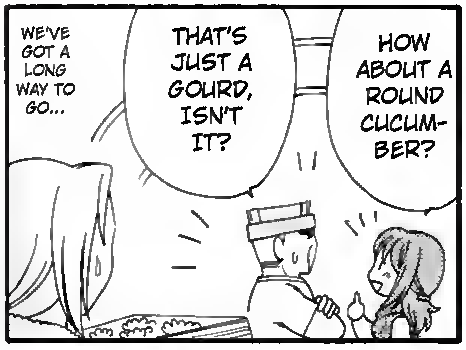

DOGS ARE ALSO FULL OF LIFE!
YOU'RE GETTING A LONG LEASH, BOY!

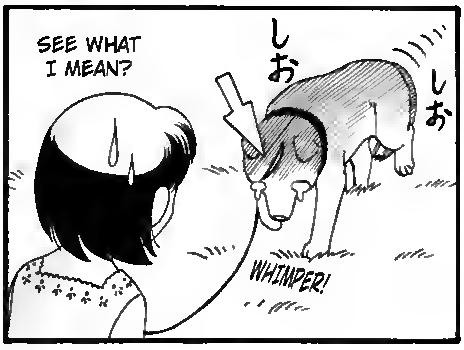

THAT'S GREAT!
ARE YOU GONNA BREED PLANTS?
THIS YEAR, I WANT TO START USING THE EXPERIMENT ROOM!


NO! DON'T!
CAT!


ROUND VEGGIES! THEY'RE CUTE AND WOULD SELL WELL!
A NEW ROUND VEGETABLE, HUH...
YEAH.
WHAT KINDS OF VEGETABLES WOULD YOU BUY, MOE?


YELP!


WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO...
THAT'S JUST A GOURD, ISN'T IT?
HOW ABOUT A ROUND CUCUMBER?


SEE WHAT I MEAN?
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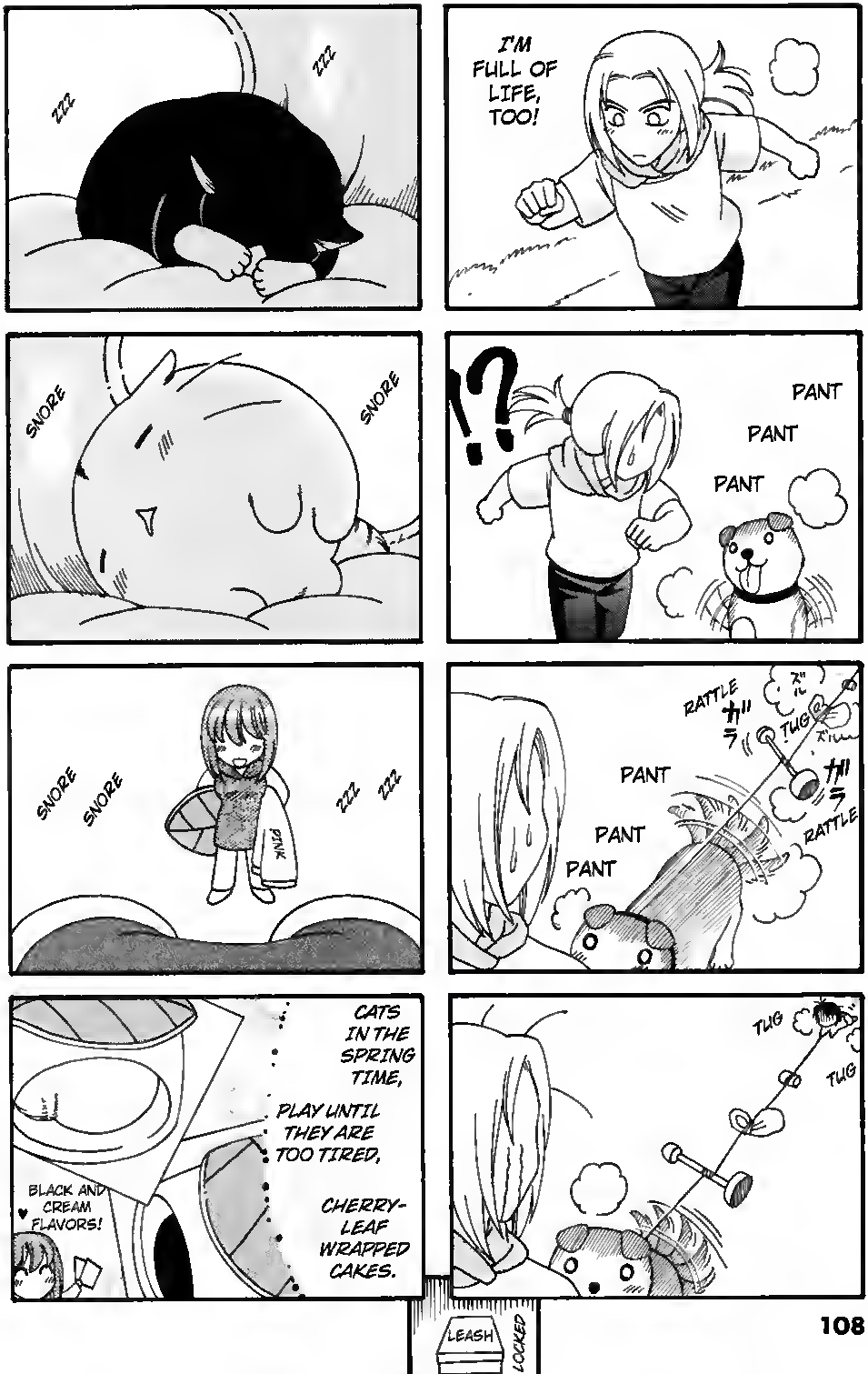
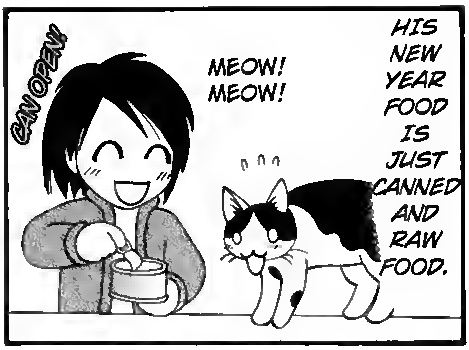
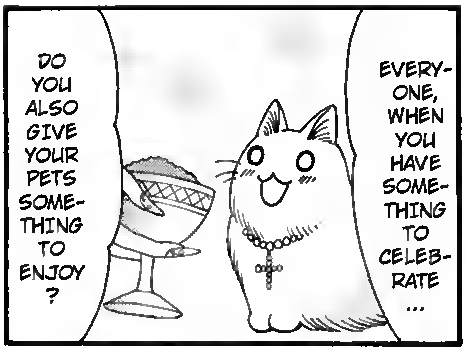
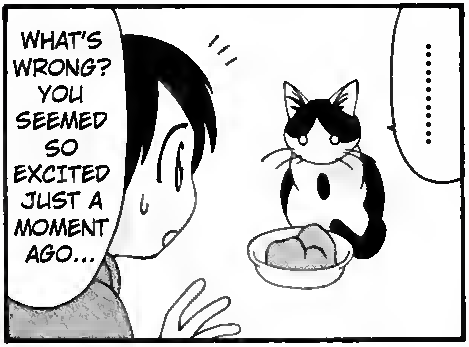
WHIMPER!


ZZZ
ZZZ
I'M FULL OF LIFE, TOO!
SNORE
SNORE
!?
PANT
PANT
PANT
SNORE
SNORE
PINK
ZZZ
ZZZ
RATTLE
TUG
PANT
PANT
PANT
RATTLE
CATS IN THE SPRING TIME,
PLAY UNTIL THEY ARE TOO TIRED,
CHERRY-LEAF WRAPPED CAKES.
BLACK AND CREAM FLAVORS!
TUG
TUG
LEASH
LOCKED


CAN OPEN
MEOW! MEOW!
HIS NEW YEAR FOOD IS JUST CANNED AND RAW FOOD.


DO YOU ALSO GIVE YOUR PETS SOMETHING TO ENJOY?
EVERYONE, WHEN YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE...


WHAT'S WRONG? YOU SEEMED SO EXCITED JUST A MOMENT AGO...
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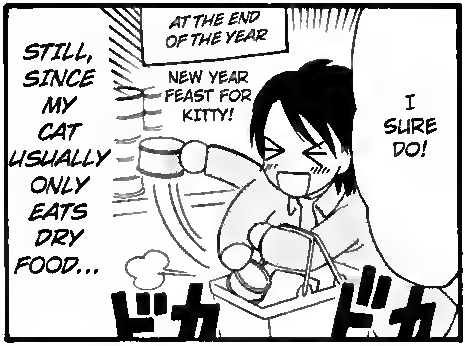
AT THE END OF THE YEAR
NEW YEAR FEAST FOR KITTY!
STILL, SINCE MY CAT USUALLY ONLY EATS DRY FOOD...
I SURE DO!
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SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
HE'LL ONLY EAT IT IF I HAND-FEED HIM LITTLE BITS!
LI'L "MU"
(FLIRTY EDITION)

DELICIOUS SPECIALTIES AT THE DOCKS!
WHEN MU HAS FINISHED EATING SOME-THING REALLY TASTY...
WE CAUGHT A TUNA THAT WEIGHS 300KG!
AFTER A HUGE STRUGGLE!
IS IT STILL GOOD?
ぞりぞり LICK ぞり LICK LICK
IF I COMPARE THAT TO SOME-THING AROUND ME...
300KG ...WOW!
YOU'RE ONLY TASTING MOMMY, NOW!
ぞりぞり LICK ぞり LICK LICK
THAT'S SIXTY MUS!
THOSE FISHERMEN ARE AMAZING!
IS MOMMY ... GOOD?
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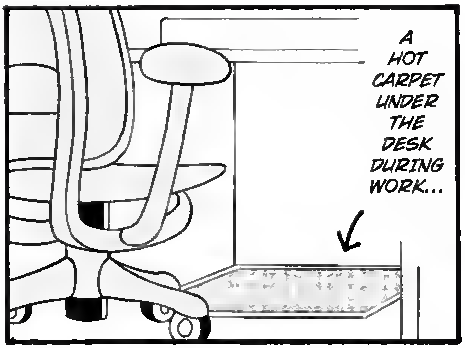
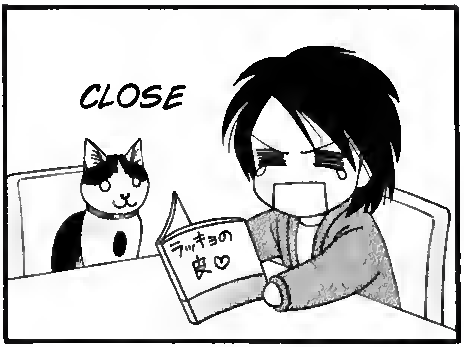
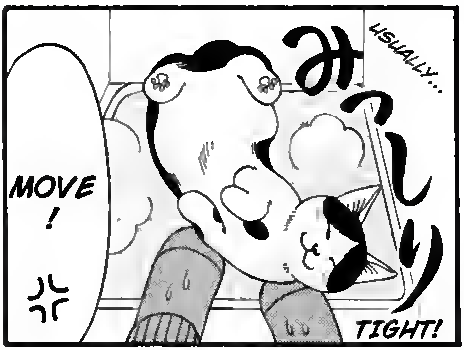
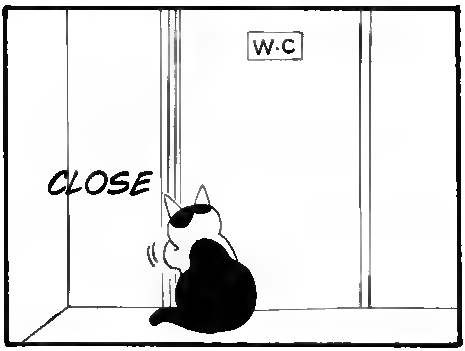
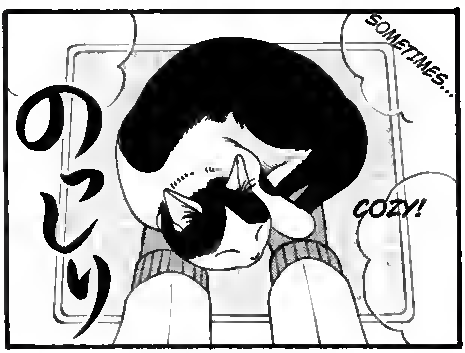
HAND IS TURNING RED.

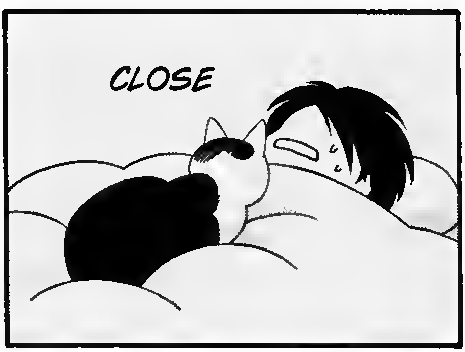


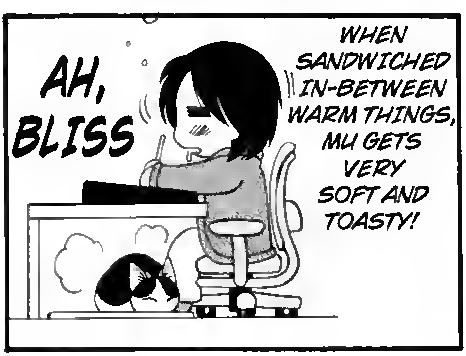


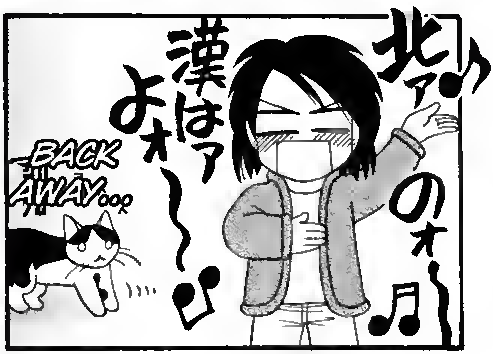












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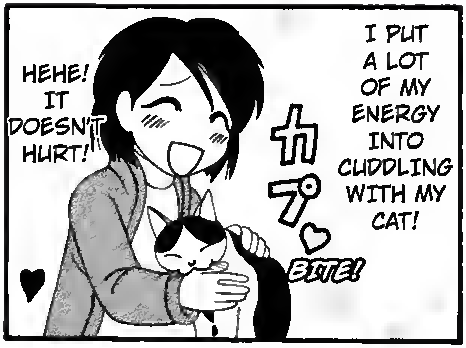
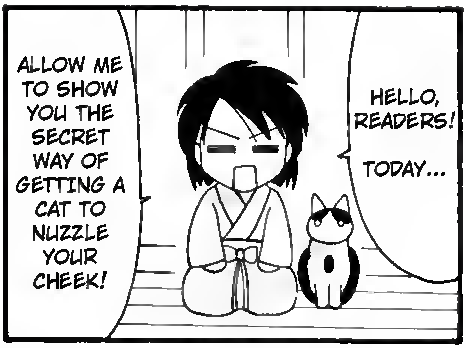
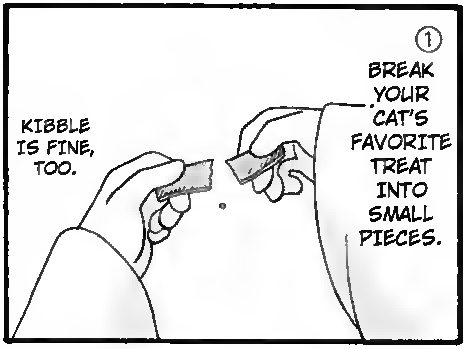
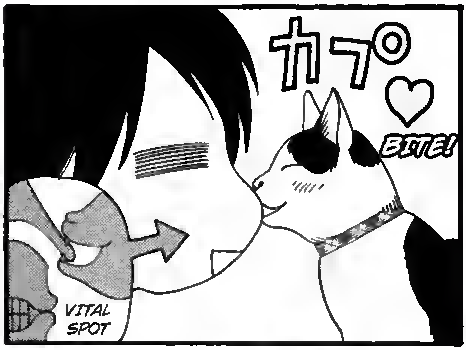
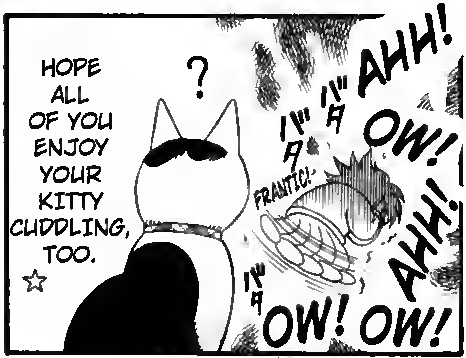


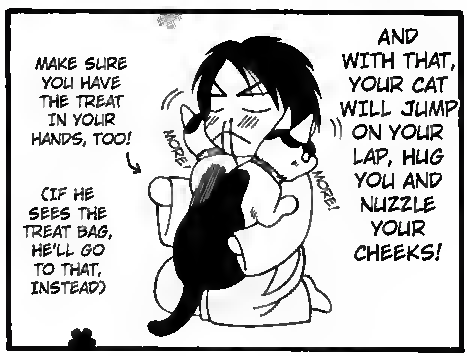


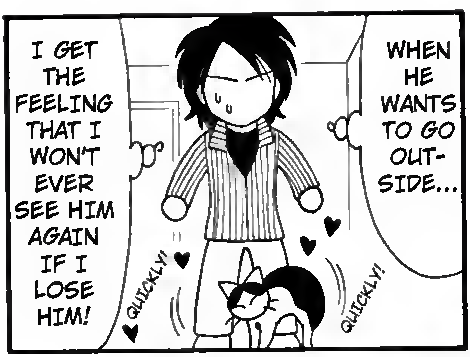


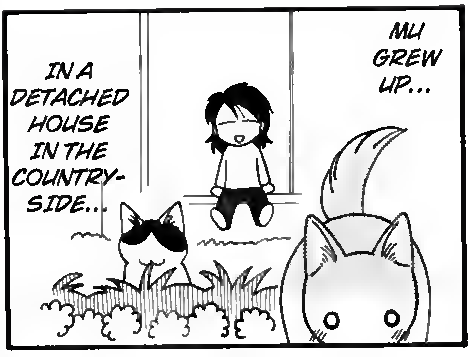


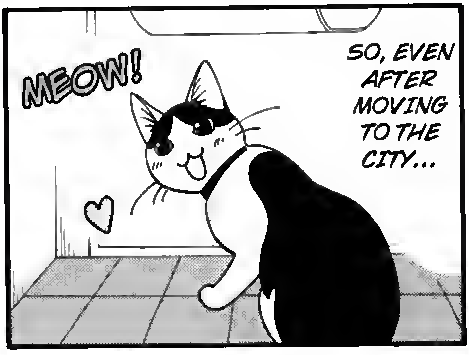


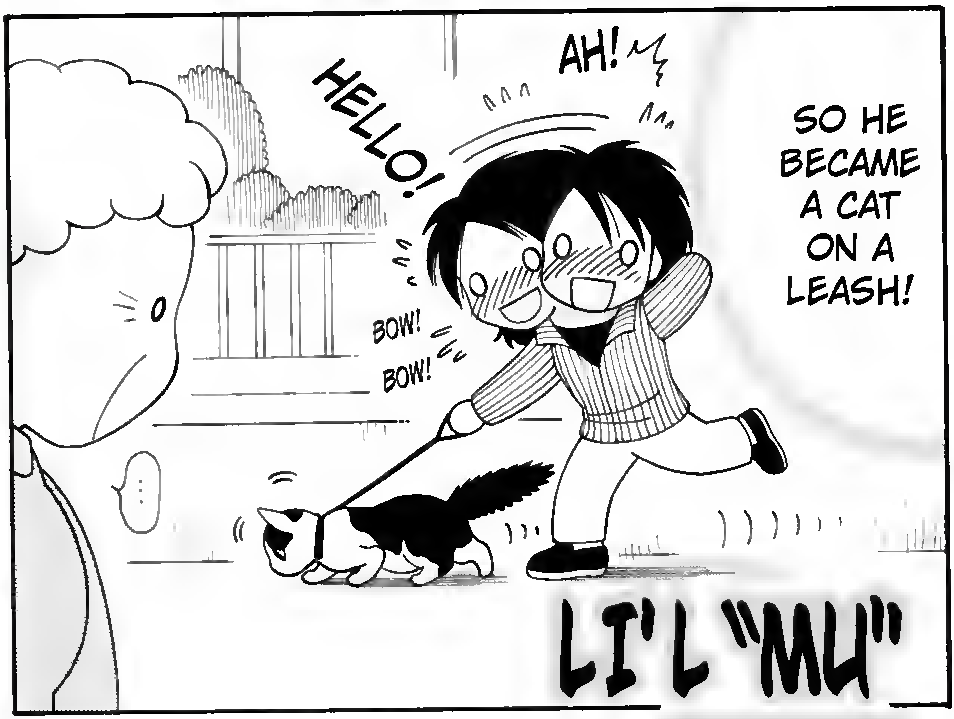
AND HE BIT BOTH NOSTRILS! ☆


MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE TREAT IN YOUR HANDS, TOO!
(IF HE SEES THE TREAT BAG, HE'LL GO TO THAT, INSTEAD)
MORE!
MORE!
AND WITH THAT, YOUR CAT WILL JUMP ON YOUR LAP, HUG YOU AND NUZZLE YOUR CHEEKS!



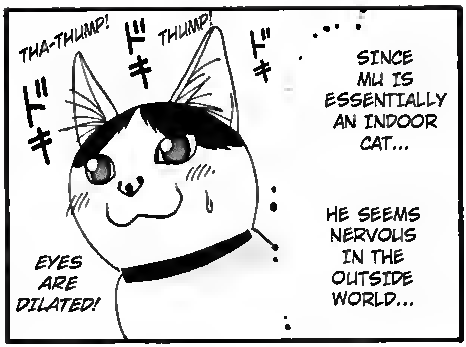






LI'L "MU"

(WALK EDITION)


THA-THUMP!
THUMP!
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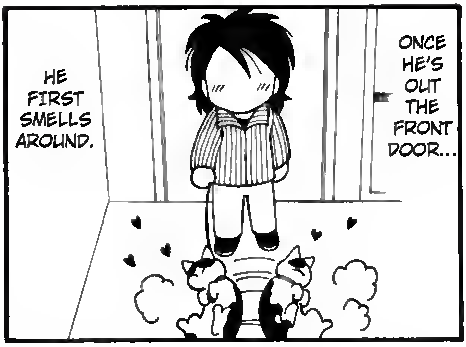
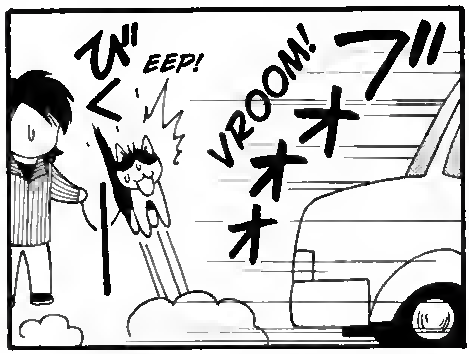
EYES ARE DILATED!
SINCE MU IS ESSENTIALLY AN INDOOR CAT...
HE SEEMS NERVOUS IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD...


HE FIRST SMELLS AROUND.
ONCE HE'S OUT THE FRONT DOOR...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EEP!
VROOM!
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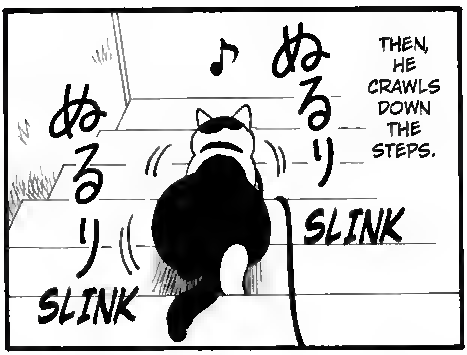
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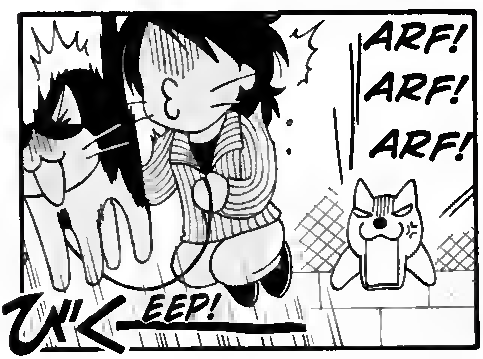
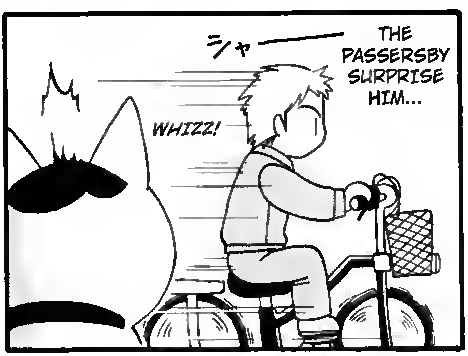
SLINK
SLINK
THEN, HE CRAWLS DOWN THE STEPS.


ARF!
ARF!
ARF!
びくー
EEP!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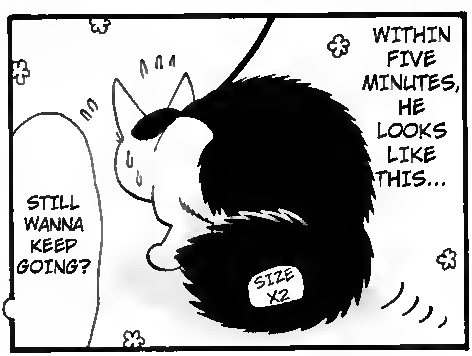
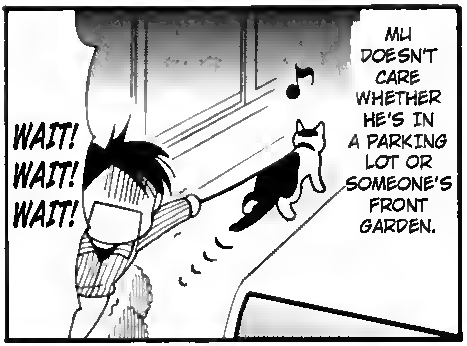
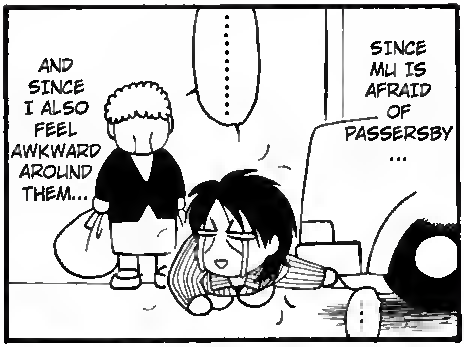
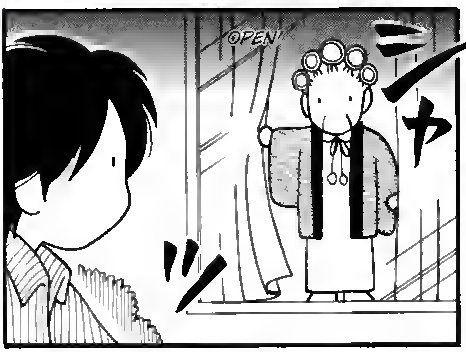
WHIZZ!
THE PASSERSBY SURPRISE HIM...

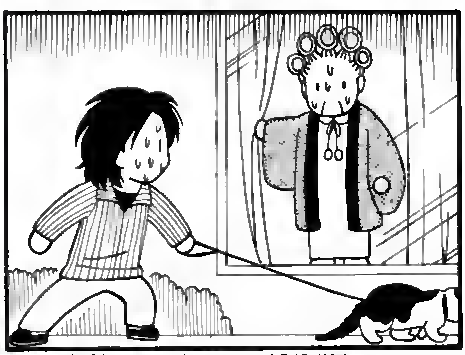

STILL WANNA KEEP GOING?
SIZE X2
WITHIN FIVE MINUTES, HE LOOKS LIKE THIS...

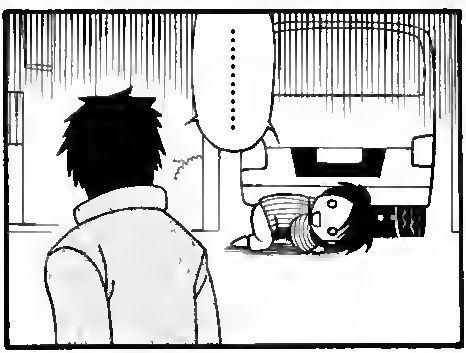
WAIT!
WAIT!
WAIT!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
SO HE CHANGES HIS ROUTE INTO THE BUSHES.



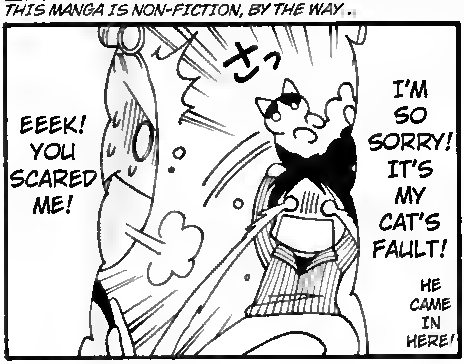


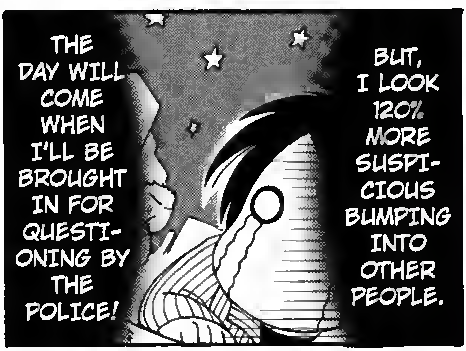




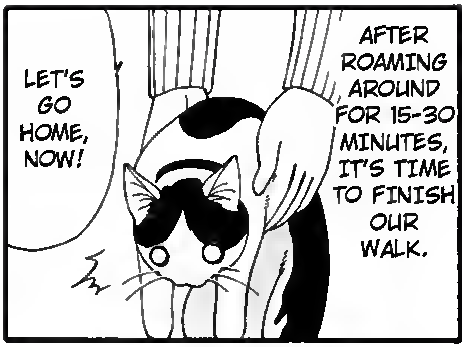


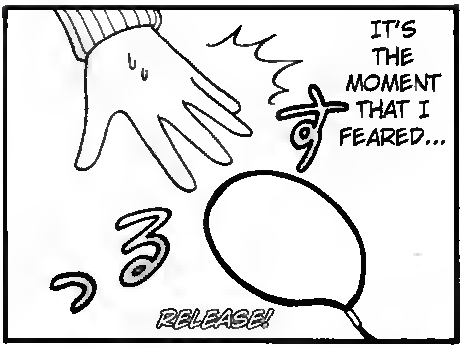
THIS MANGA IS NON-FICTION, BY THE WAY.

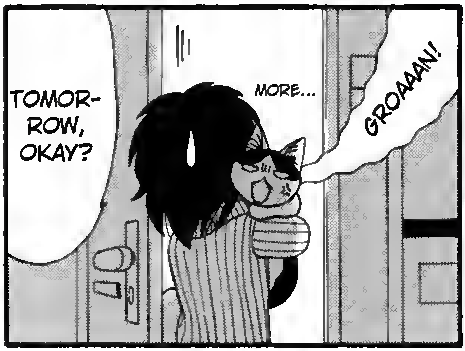


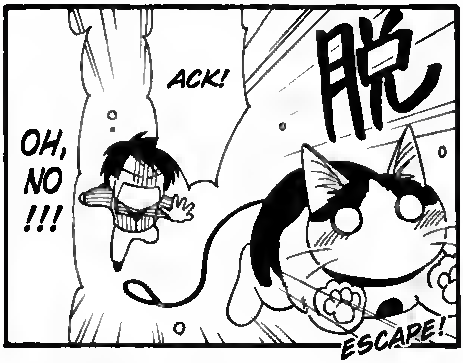

THE DAY WILL COME WHEN I'LL BE BROUGHT IN FOR QUESTI-ONING BY THE POLICE!
BUT, I LOOK 120% MORE SUSPI-CIOUS BUMPING INTO OTHER PEOPLE.

I WAS REALLY SORRY...


LET'S GO HOME, NOW!
AFTER ROAMING AROUND FOR 15-30 MINUTES, IT'S TIME TO FINISH OUR WALK.


IT'S THE MOMENT THAT I FEARED...
RELEASE!


TOMOR-ROW, OKAY?
MORE...
GROAAAN!


OH, NO !!!
ACK!
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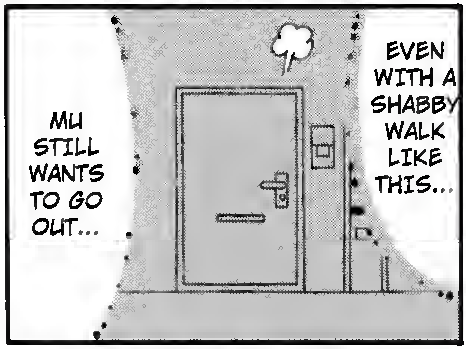
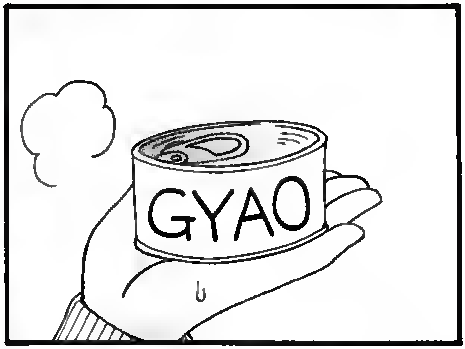
ESCAPE!


MU STILL WANTS TO GO OUT...
EVEN WITH A SHABBY WALK LIKE THIS...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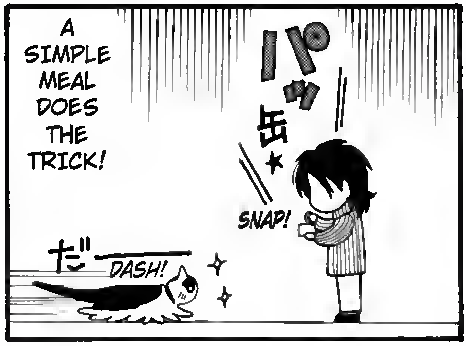
MEEOWWW!
(LET'S GO!)
MEOW!
EVERYTIME I GO TO THE BATHROOM, HE'S RIGHT THERE, PRES-SURING ME...


A SIMPLE MEAL DOES THE TRICK!
SNAP!
DASH!

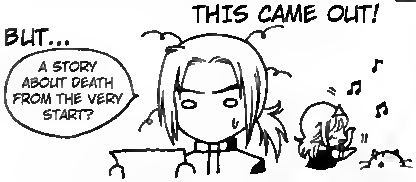
HELLO TO THE NEWCOMERS, TOO!

POYO NOW HAS FOUR VOLUMES.

SINCE FOUR REPRESENTS THE LUCKY FOUR-LEAF CLOVER, I AM VERY HAPPY.

NOW, I MADE THE SUSPECT COMIC STRIP TO YOUR RIGHT, WONDERING WHETHER I SHOULD INCLUDE IT AS A PART OF THE COLOR MANGA IN THE BEGINNING. AS I WAS THINKING OF A "SNOW WHITE" PARODY, I RECALLED THE JAPANESE FOLK TALE WHERE THE "CAT AWAKENS THE DEAD BY WALKING OVER THEM".

BEFORE I KNEW IT, THIS CAME OUT!



THE "HIDE" INSIDE ME HAD A PROBLEM WITH THIS, SO I MOVED THE STRIP HERE.

WRITING THIS FOURTH VOLUME, ALL THE CHARACTERS STOOD ON THEIR OWN, SO I FOUND THAT THE STORY OFTEN WROTE ITSELF.

LIKE, HIDE'S ROLE IN CRITICIZING EVEN THE WRITER, FOR EXAMPLE!

POYO IS A ROUND CAT WHO SEEMS TO COME FROM ANOTHER PLANET. BUT WHEN I SEE MY CAT, SO MANY STORIES COME TO MIND, AND THEN I REALIZE THAT POYO IS ALSO A CAT.

FOR ALL OF YOU CAT-LOVERS AND GAG-LOVERS OUT THERE, I WILL CONTINUE WITH THIS WORK AND HOPE THAT YOU CONTINUE READING!

TO ALL THE READERS AND EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THIS BOOK, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

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